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Metro-Help - 929-5854 (City)
 Alternatives - 973-5404 (Far North)
 Koolaid - 664-0505 (Near North)
 Changes - 955-0700 (South Side)
 Youth Help - 929-3553 (Near north)
 Ark - 463-4545 (Albany Park - NW)
 Insight - 729-2777 (North suburbs)
 Rap Line - 852-0111 (Downers Grove)
 Pumphouse - 259-7184 (NW suburbs)
 South Suburban Youth Hotline - 754-9030
 Person to Person - 675-8263 (Niles, Skokie)
 DIRS - 295-2929 (Lake Forest)
 Hotline - 848-2555 (West suburbs)
 Maine Twnshp Hotline - 825-0860
 OMNI House - 541-HELP (Wheeling)
 Rush Rescue - 596-2280 (Southeast suburbs)
 Turning Point - 394-0404 (Arlington Hts.)
 Youth Hotline - 933-9109 (Kankakee)
 Gay Hotline - 752-8084
 Memphis Headrest - 499-2900 (SW city)
 Metrohelp West - 788-4116 (W suburbs)

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Women's Center - 3322 N. Halsted-477-4373
 Blue Gargoyle - University Church, 5655 S. University - 955-5826
 Alternatives, Inc.:
 Northtown-2550 Peterson - 973-5400
 Rogers Park - 1537 Morse - 465-3572
 Edgewater - 5866 Broadway - 275-1076

POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS

Rising Up Angry - 2744 N. Lincoln Ave. - 472-1791
 Intercommunal Survival Committee - 2154 N' Halsted - 549-8626
 Chicago Women's Liberation Union - 852 W. Belmont - 348-2011
 Feiry Flames - 628 Buckingham - 348-9020
 Black Panther Party:
 4233 S' Indiana - 924-6575
 2350 W. Madison 226-9206
 Chicago Gay Alliance - 171 W. Elm - 664-4708
 Industrial Workers of World - 2440 N' Lincoln 549-5045
 Peace Council - 542 s. Dearborn - 939-9194

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Young Lords Clinic - 834 W. Armitage - 435-7058
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 VD Clinics (City Run - they're O.K.)
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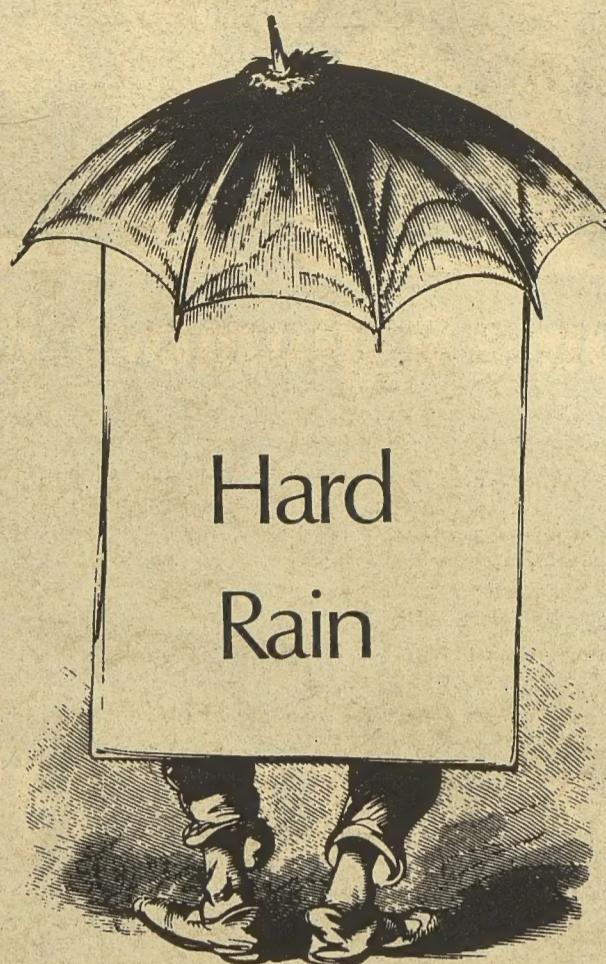
People's Law Office - 2156 N. Halsted - 929-1880
 Northwestern Legal - 360 E. Superior - 649-8576
 National Lawyers Guild - 21 E. Van Buren - 939-2492
 Volunteer Legal Svcs - 116 S Michigan, 332-0126

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American Friends -- 427-2533
 Draft Counselling Cooperative - 434-6447
 Midwest Committee for Draft Counseling - 427-3350
 Chicago Area Military Project - 2801 N. Shaffield - 929-5960
 Vietnam Veterans Against the War - 827 S Newport, 935-2129

The Seed - 950 W. Wrightwood

Another late issue of the Seed - this time because o= f poverty and low energy. It's gonna be a hard winter. Among the various idiots who worked on this issue are Dick, Mike, Bill, Neil, Arlene, Fats and the Five Demons, LNS, Zodiac, Pandora, the Agnew Flu, Mitch, various dealers and barkeeps, a crock of shit to IB@M, and all you nice people who keep us going by reading this rag, giving us things, and yelling at us. We are NOT members of UPS. Entire contents copyright [c] 1973 by Seed Publishing, Ink, fellow people papers feel free. Next issue out around the last week in January, ambe, if we got the bread.



Unless you're reading this issue of the Seed in braille, you probably noticed the total lack of color within these twenty-four pages.

It was either that, or not come out until about April.

We've been missing a few issues over the last several weeks for one glaring reason: we're broke (so what else is new?)

We've also got our hassles - the layout room floods any time it rains (alot lately), we have to move 'cause the fucking building is falling apart, we owe folks more money than Seed Publishing has ever seen in its life, the staff is starving, so on and on.

Therefore, we've had to make a choice between publishing in black and white or not coming out until

April or so, when it's warm enough for street sales.

Printing in black and white cuts our costs down by some \$500 an issue. Its obviously cheaper - and faster - to print, it costs less for layout and film supplies, and it takes less time to produce an edition. Dick the Production Slave is particularly happy about that one. (But I'd rather have the colors back. Four colors for all 24 pages, glossy paper, dayglo inks, computer typesetters, a real copy camera, drool. - D.P.S.)

'Course we've still gotta worry about raising the other \$1000 an issue we need, plus we gotta find us a cheap office (hopefully somewhere around Rogers Park) and some free food. But it will be \$500 easier.

We are now planning on coming out with our next issue in three weeks, or roughly January 23, 1973. Hopefully, we will be able to get back on a bi-monthly schedule at that time.

We're beginning to feel like the CTA - perpetually broke.

We need more advertisers. No shit; they pay most of the bills.

We need more distribution. If you know a store that should carry the Seed but doesn't, lean on them until they call STP, our distributors, at 742-1791.

But most of all, we need our regular readers. Don't give us up for dead just yet. We may be limping, but we're still moving.

We're going to continue making the changes in the paper we started a couple issues ago. You" not we offed our calendar page - the Daily News, Chicago 606, TV Guide, the Chicago Guide et al do it better; we'll continue to list the weird, unlikey, political and far-out stuff, but now it will be found in our Inter-course section.

If your favorite cause didn't get reported in this issue, its probably because we didn't know about it. Remember, we're not the Tribune, we don't have a hundred reporters out digging up news. We have to depend on the people who make the news to get the news to us. So, if you're into something or on to something, let us know. Pick up a pencil and write us a story.

As of this writing, we're still at 950 W. Wrightwood.

And, most of all, we still need your support.

Love,
 The Chicago Seed.

Rambling On

think, but we do feel that it is a gross distortion of the facts.

Unprecedented ticket-splitting by most of the 74 million people who voted showed that perhaps for the first time in history, the voting public has reached a certain level of political sophistication. They voted "intelligently". They knew whom and what they voted for. They understood the realities of political power and kept the House and Senate in the hands of the Democrats.

However, the question still arises: where did those 46 million votes come from?

One might just as well ask: where do they find the people to appear on "Lets Make A Deal" dressed up like turnips? Or where do they find the geeks for "The Newlywed Game" to talk about putting M&M's in each others navel on their honeymoon night?

The answer to these questions is found in one of America's most important natural resources—assholes. Pure home-grown all-american apple pie assholes.

Where else do you think administration after administration finds people to support all the myriad governmental butheries and absurdities day after day, year after year?

You, Mr. & Ms. American voter. You Probably the strangest aspect of all of this for us at the Seed is that we have been around for 6 ½ years now trying to convince people of their own oppression. For some strange irrational reason, we wonder why it hasn't worked.

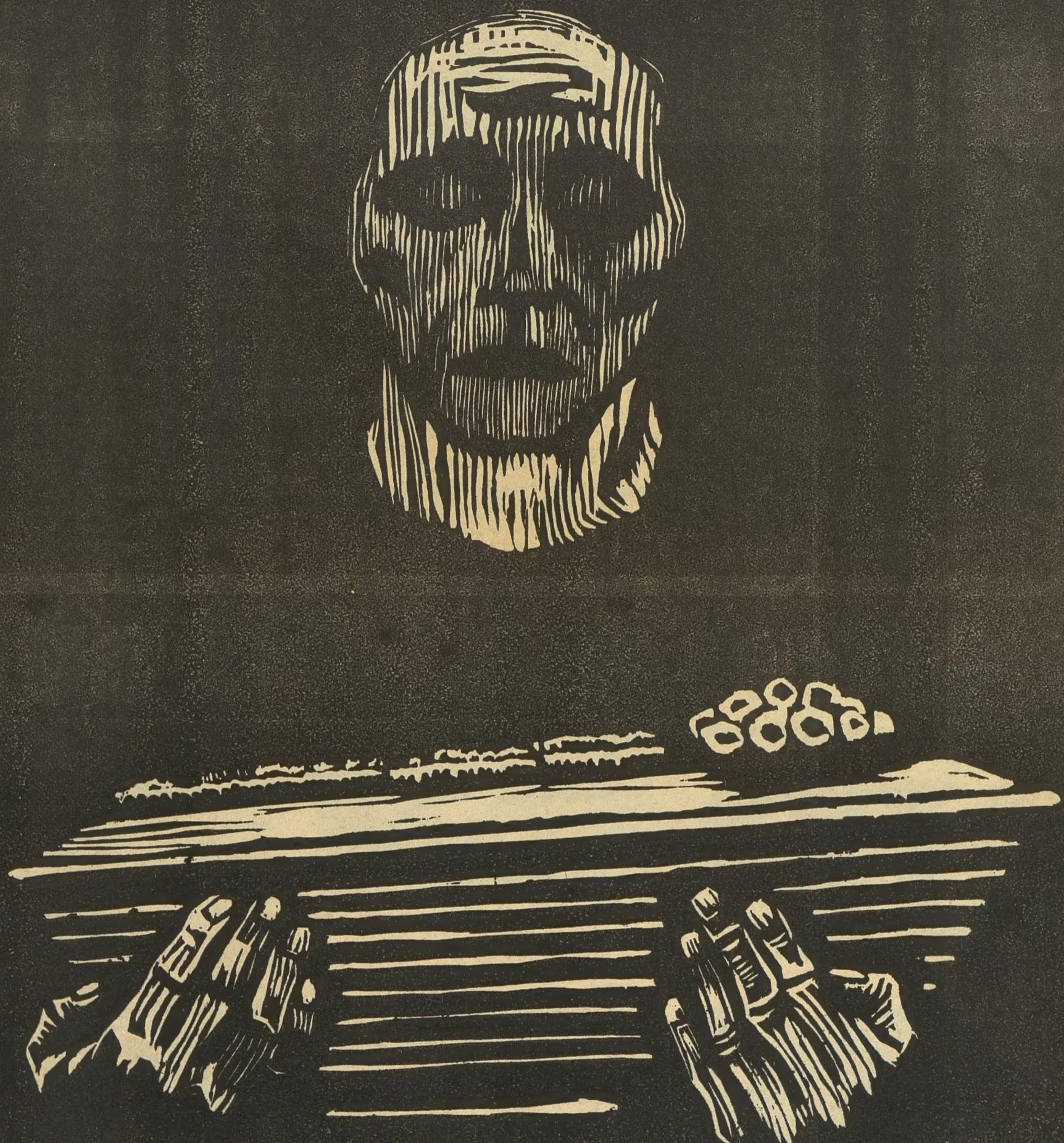
Maybe the Seed will start looking for a different readership.

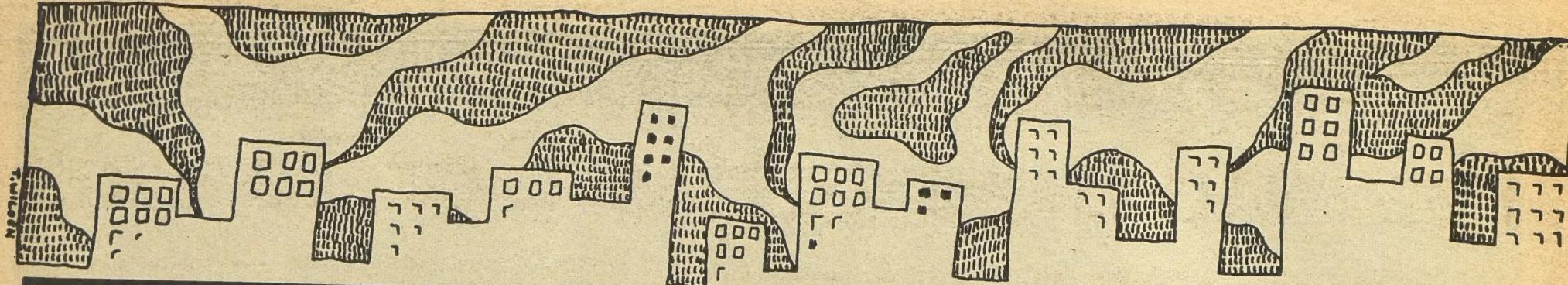
Maybe dolphins... At least they've been showing some signs of intelligence the last few years.

bm/Seed

"PEACE IS AT HAND"

Henry Kissinger, October 26, 1972





RAPE CRISIS LINE: 728-1920



Judge McDonnell had a gun

While Edward V. Hanrahan has hired hands to do his gun toting, his close companion friend and former assistant States Attorney, Judge John J. McDonnell, arrives his own. Aware of the higher law that judges are immune from all acts against ordinary citizens, Judge McDonnell challenged Allen Simon to a duel in the parking lot of the Judge's Sandburg Village apartment building. (aware no doubt that he had the advantage being the only one with a gun and with the additional advantage of having drawn already and pointed at Simon's head.)

Later on, after he decided to "get out of town" or at least the parking lot, Simon went to the police. He told them that as he and his wife were getting in their car to leave the parking lot a man came up with a gun, pointed it at them, and told them to get out of there or he would "blow their fucking heads off."

The police, who investigated, quickly learned that the bandito was a very drunk judge McDonnell. Simon was anxious to prosecute in spite of calls from Judge McDonnell and his lawyer saying the incident was only a misunderstanding and he filed a complaint against the Judge for aggravated assault.

Tom Sullivan (McDonnell's lawyer and a hired gun in his own right, fresh from defending killer Hanrahan's gang) had the case transferred four times to arrive before Judge Pompey, who premitted the defense an eight hour preliminary hearing. (normally defendants are given ten to thirty minutes before a judge decides he has heard enough and a finding of probable cause is almost automatic.)

During the hearing both Simon and his wife were clear about the threat and the fact that the Judge was pointing a gun at them. The officers called to the

The Sister's Center of Rogers Park is opening a Rape Crisis Line to offer counseling to women who have been raped. We are set up to meet the immediate needs of women who have just been raped, or who have been raped some time ago but never had a chance to talk the experience through with anyone.

We will be open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 6pm to midnight. We will offer information on police and what to expect when you go to the police, how the law stands in regard to women who have been raped, what the medical needs of raped women are, and what services the hospitals offer. If a woman wants one-to-one counseling, we will refer her to a feminist counselor. We will also arrange for women who wish to talk with other women to do that. We are prepared to meet immediate transportation needs, e.g., to the hospital, for Rogers Park, Edgewater, Uptown and Evanston areas. We can arrange for a place to stay overnight, if a woman needs that.

We will offer phone counseling on a citywide basis. We are attempting to develop a citywide resource file. A group of women on the south side want to start a Rape Crisis Line there.

scene also said Simon and his wife were sober and the Judge was drunk. Nevertheless, after hearing McDonnell testify that it was only a cigar he was pointing (he said his gun was in his belt), and after hearing ten character witnesses for him, Judge Pompey did not think there was sufficient evidence for probable cause and he dismissed the case. Judge Pompey obviously did not recognize the extreme risk of letting such a dangerous and malevolent man back on the streets. He apparently has assaulted other individuals regularly when he's loaded. In addition, this reporter has seen Judge McDonnell presiding in gun court giving lectures on the dangers of persons carrying guns and then following with harsh sentences, usually to black people, for being stopped on the street with guns in their pockets or purses for self-protection.

—Up Against The Bench

UP and up goes the cta

In case you've spent the past few weeks out on the streets waiting for a bus, you might not know about the next great CTA fare increase.

Since they started business in October, 1947, the CTA has launched fourteen fare increases: from nine cents (transfers free!) to fifty cents, with a ten cent charge for transfers.

That means, in the past twenty-five years, the cost of a train-and-bus ride in Chicago has gone up over 600%!

The five cent increase takes effect the first of February. What really hurts, though, is the 8% cut-back in service, which is supposed to happen March first.

What will be cut-back has not yet been announced (as of this writing); probably the first to go will be Chicago's comparatively excellent midnight 'owl' service. Several other lines — most notably those serving diagonal streets such as Lincoln, Ogden and Elston — will also probably be cut-back or discontinued.

You really can't come down on the CTA. Granted, there is severe mismanagement running rampant — high executive salaries, an almost non-functional repairs and service staff — but these high expenses do not come near offsetting their multi-million dollar loss. In fact, if they can't raise any more loot, they might have to go out of business sometime this summer.

(*Maybe so, mike, but the CTA operating deficit last year was 4.8 million dollars. The CTA bondholders were paid 8.4 million dollars — and this money is skimmed off the top of the revenues — no matter what, the bondholders get their cash first. The major bondholders are banks and people who don't ride the CTA because they can afford chauffeurs and cadillacs. Dick.*)

We'll set aside the ramblings about how this real-

ly hurts the working people and the poor, mostly since 1] Shit, even the Chicago Tribune's aware of it; 2] most Seed readers have to take the CTA; and 3] the CTA damn well knows it. And they care about it.

You see, each time they raise fares, they lose riders. Sometimes they lose so many riders it drastically outweighs the additional revenue brought in from the fare increases.

Losing riders means more folks who can't afford to buy cars buy them (often getting screwed royally by your typical used car salesgeek), head for the highways and help create an impossible traffic mess. Traffic messes cause greater air pollution. More people are late to work. More cars (bought by folks who can't afford them) get repossessed. The economy gets fucked.

The CTA might be giving us the coldest thing to the General Strike — the General Confusion.

However, there is a Cosmic Answer!

One or more governments (city, county, state, federal) can give the CTA a whole bunch of money — as they do in most other major cities — so the CTA can break even.

In fact, some folks have proposed a Transportation tax, hitting everyone up for a nominal sum and bringing the fare down to ten or twenty cents, increasing riders and starting an upwards cycle.

Either way, this Cosmic Answer means governmental money, and we all know where all governmental money comes from — new taxes.

Just what the working people and the poor people and even the honky middle class needs — higher taxes!

— Mike Gold



THE MAD BOMBER HAS GOT TO GO!

As their last act of 1972, the Chicago City Council joined thousands of commies, protesters and subversives in condemning the record-breaking massive bombing of North Vietnam by the government of the United States of America.

That same day, the Chicago Today (owned by the Chicago Tribune, which is hardly a rival to the Seed when it comes around to getting pissed off at the federal government) carried a front page banner headline "REPORT U.S. AIMS TO DESTROY N. VIET."

The story, from the Associated Press, goes on to say "The United States was reported today to be carrying out an aerial campaign aimed at total destruction of North Viet Nam's industrial heartland before halting the bombing and resuming peace negotiations."

Even the U.S. government itself admitted to losing at least one \$8,000,000 B-52 bomber each day.

According to most military strategists, massive bombing only serves to unite the enemy and give them added inspiration to fight. The heavy bombing of German industry during the Second World War only served to prolong that war, and, in fact, the Atomic Bomb was the only bomb which ever ended a war.

The Atomic Bomb.

Will Nixon use the Atomic Bomb on Vietnam? Who knows. He hasn't been acting very rationally lately, there's no telling what he might do.

In two weeks the United States government dropped the equivalent of three Hiroshima size atomic bombs on North Vietnam.

For years all we heard was all that bullshit about saving face. The United States of America must save face. We can't let those yellow bastards pull down our pants. We can't lose a war! Peace With Honor.

This logic is beginning to make sense. As a people, we must take pride in ourselves.

We must take pride in the United States of America. We must take pride in our governmental leadership; as long as such leadership is proven necessary.

We must take pride in our President.

This is why we must get rid of Nixon, Strangelove Kissinger, Agnew and their ilk.

We're not proud of them, and we're not proud of the United States for what it is doing to not only Vietnam but the rest of the world.

We're not "anti-American." We don't believe that the American people are evil, but that the government and the economic system are evil, and should be gotten rid of as fast as possible.

We've been screaming this for almost seven years now. Unless we all do something we'll be screaming forever — assuming the Big Nix and his "supreme court" don't get around to deciding that the "underground" press is excluded from the constitutional freedoms of the press. And these days, with reporters getting locked up left and right, it's probably just a matter of time.

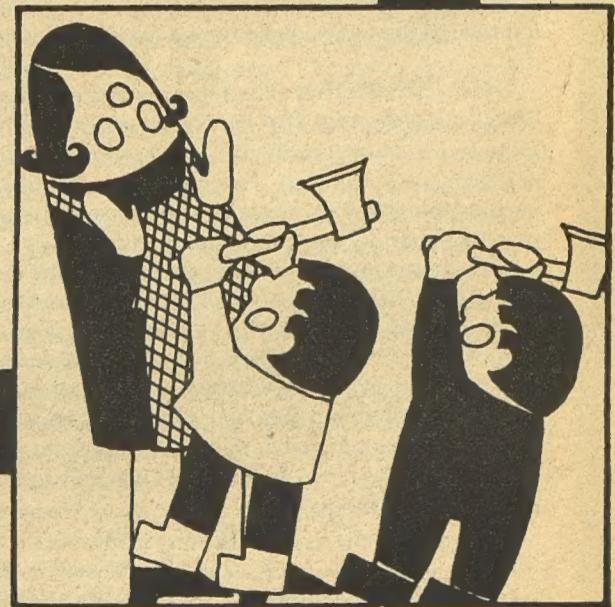
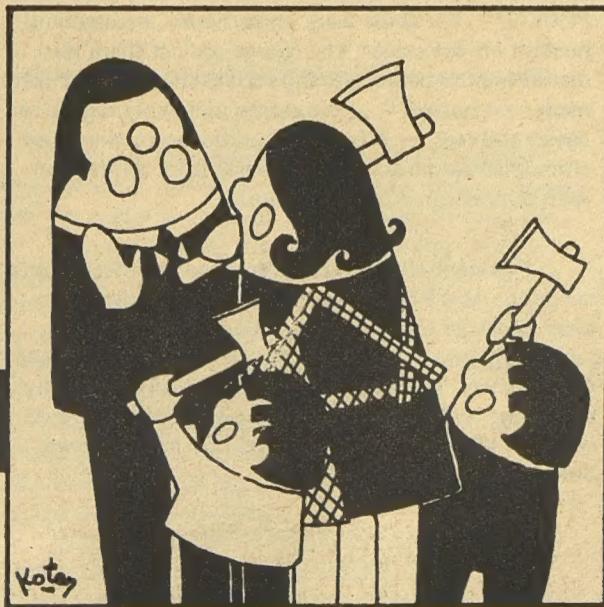
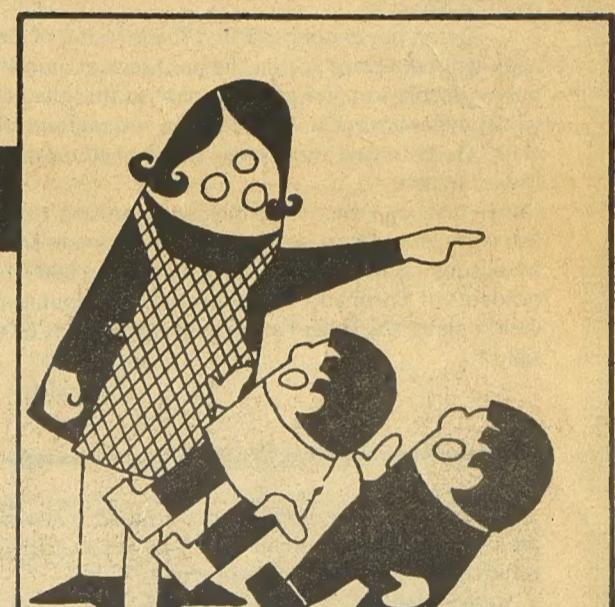
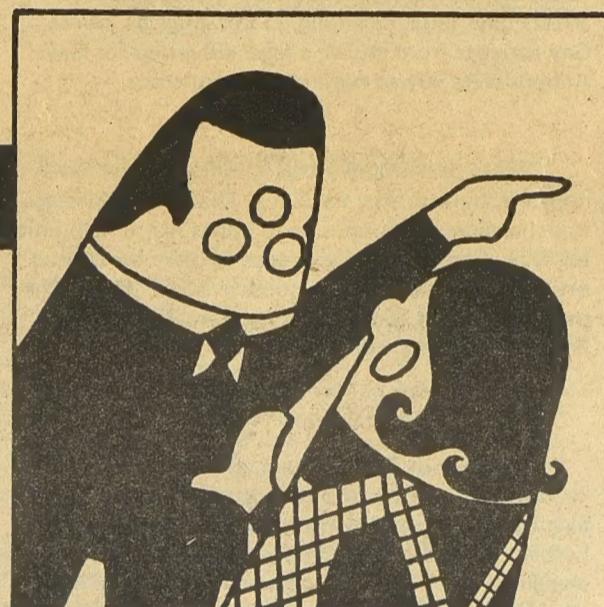
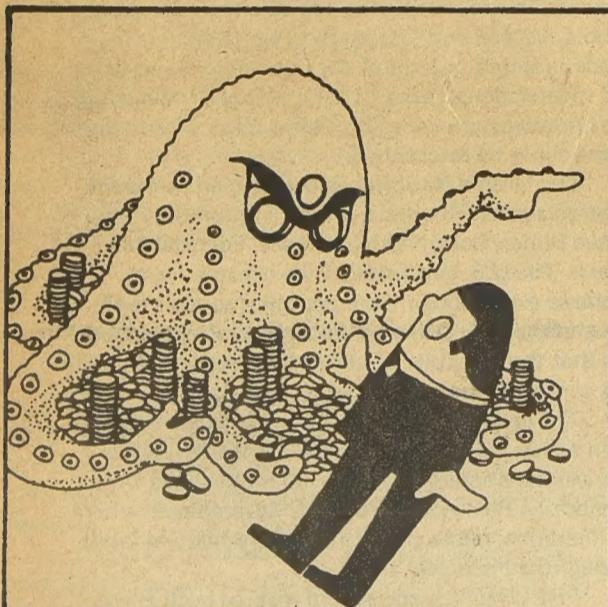
Four More Years. For the past few months, that has merely been sort of the ultimate negative thought.

It must now become a sarcastic cry of desperation. We cannot survive as a people four more years of Nixon.

Four more years. 1976. The two hundredth anniversary of the United States of America.

Some joke, eh, King Richard?

mg/dy/Chicago Seed



All The News That Fits

The U.S. Air Force has no idea of what to do with 2.3 million gallons of a powerful herbicide called "Agent Orange."

The Air Force has been storing Agent Orange in 50-gallon drums for the past two years — and has been searching in vain for a method of disposing of the poisonous stuff. Agent Orange is a weed-killing concoction that was used both in the U.S. and in Vietnam until 1970; when it was discovered that it caused birth defects in humans and it was banned.

Shortly after the ban took effect, the Air Force gave 1.5 million gallons of Agent Orange to the South Vietnamese government to use in defoliating and depopulating South Vietnam. But as a result of an outcry in the United States, those 1.5 million gallons were taken back and now sit on Johnson Island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The remaining 800,000 gallons are stored in Gulfport Mississippi.

The major problem with Agent Orange is that it can't be easily destroyed. The Air Force proposed burning the stuff at bases in Illinois and Texas, but environmentalists raised hell. They warned that the gradual burning of Agent Orange would release millions of pounds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, and that a salt by-product would pollute nearby lakes.

So, 46,000 drums of Agent Orange continue to sit in Mississippi and the Pacific until a scheme can be devised to get rid of it safely.

Zodiac

A group of up to 200 Indians are making plans to invade and take over Coronado Island, a wealthy island suburb of San Diego which is heavily inhabited by retired US Navy officers.

The Indian group is being led by Meredith Quinn, an Indian activist who recently led the Indian occupation of other properties, including an old Spanish mission in central California. Quinn and his supporters insist that Native Americans have legal title to Coronado under historic land grants signed by the government of Spain.

Quinn has announced that the invasion of Coronado will take place within the next several months—but he declines to give an exact date so that the actions will come as a surprise to Coronado and military officials. Quinn insists that, under terms of all existing Indian treaties,

Indian treaties, American Indians are entitled to establish complete title to islands such as Coronado simply by occupying them. He reports that about half of the residents of Coronado "are unconcerned about our invasion plans; the other half say they will shoot us on sight."

Zodiac

An historical researcher has concluded that women are indeed superior to men — at least as far as their physical constitutions are concerned.

Researcher W.M.S. Russell, writing in the LISTENER magazine, says that anthropologists have studied the skeletons of stone age people and compared them to those of modern humans. They have found that the modern male, over thousands of years, is slowly evolving a skeleton that is less masculine and very similar in build to the ancient stone age women. In the meantime, the skeleton of modern woman continues to move in a more feminine direction.

Russell believes that this action of natural selection toward the female skeleton indicates its superiority.

Other scientists have stated that a woman's longer life span is also proof that women are superior physically to men—but Russell cautions that women have not always outlived men. In fact, until the development of industrialized societies 150 years ago, it was more common for men to outlive women.

Researchers now believe that they know why women used to have shorter lives than men. Death in childbirth was only part of the explanation. A study of medieval skeletons showed that females often suffered from arrested bone development—strongly indicating that young girls were not as well nourished as boys and were probably not as well cared for when ill. Anthropologists suggest that this was a blatant case of sex discrimination.

ZODIAC

Flatulence usually results from fermentative processes in the stomach and bowel, as the outcome of bacterial activity. A different form of flatulence is common in neurotic individuals; in such the gas evolved consists simply in carbonic acid liberated from the blood, and its evolution is generally characterized by rapid development and by lack of all fermentative signs.

E.B.

Arkansas Senator J. William Fullbright predicts that the Vietnam war is not going to cost Americans just the \$150 billion to 200 billion they have already invested — but that it will cost an amount that "will eventually exceed \$500 billion."

Fulbright said that the Vietnam war debt will be greatly increased in future years because of the added cost of borrowing money to pay for the war, and because of the veteran's payments to the millions of Americans who served in Vietnam.

Zodiac

Gay prisoners have gotten together and started organizing in several institutions. Now there is an alliance to help them keep in touch with each other and with their sisters and brothers outside. You can write them through Chris Wheeler, National Gay Prisoners Coalition, P.O. Box 520, Walla Walla, Wash., 99362. Don't forget Gay prisoners.

Gay Liberation groups on both coasts have stepped up their campaign against police harassment. In Los Angeles and New York, Gays took to the streets to protest increasing abuse. Both cities have seen more arrests than usual including, in Los Angeles, several Gay activists from HELP, a legal aid group for Gays. Actions were vowed until harassment stops.

Move over Dial-A-Prayer! Chicago now has a new telephone service for Gays. Dial-A-Gay Message is just beginning operation and hopes it will help unite the Gay community. Sponsored by the new United Front for Gay Action, the number is 281-3437. The message is Gay Love, Gay Unity, Gay Power, Gay Pride. Spread the word!

A group of Gay sisters and brothers led several "invasions" recently into New York's Upper East Side (their State and Division) singles bars. Led by Lesbian Liberation Committee, the Gays went into straight singles "pick-up" bars and began dancing.

Later, at other bars, they were told that there was "no dancing tonight." LLC spokeswomen said the "Liberation Tours" would continue.

At the ending of the Oct. 14 performance of the San Francisco Opera's *Aida* three Gay activists working as extras in the cast unfurled a banner declaring "DYKES AND FAGS SUPPORT THE SEVEN POINTS". The three were immediately arrested and hustled off the stage. The charge against them was disturbing the peace. As the *Aida* 3 they issued a statement that hoped "...this action will encourage other dykes and fags to seize opportunities to further raise consciousness of sexism at home and its connection with oppression around the world."

President Nixon was confronted with Gay rights recently. At a \$100 a plate dinner in Philadelphia, Mark Segal of Gay Activists Alliance/Philadelphia, jumped up and demanded freedom for his Gay sisters and brothers, and a statement from Nixon. The only statement that came from the zap was a White House condemnation of the action issued by Nixon's Press Secretary Ron Ziegler.

Fiery Flames Coll

Bath soap companies — which were recently ordered by the Food and Drug Administration (the FDA) not to use Hexachlorophene — are apparently beginning to use other potentially dangerous anti-bacterial agents in their soap bars.

The Consumer's Institute for Food Research reports that a number of soap companies are using a chemical called TBS. According to the institute, numerous medical studies have found that TBS is a possible or even probable cause of painful skin rashes and increased sensitivity to light in fair-skinned people. Because of this, TBS has already been banned for use in Denmark.

The Consumer's Institute says that Lifebuoy, Zest and Phase Three soaps have all caused adverse skin reactions during lab tests.

Another chemical called TCC is being used by other soap companies to replace Hexachlorophene; tests on TCC have found that under certain conditions, TCC appears to have caused outbreaks of a fatal blood disease in infant hospitals. Soaps which are considering the use of TCC are Dial and Safeguard.

The Consumer's Institute recommends that people buy soaps such as Ivory, which do not contain potentially dangerous "anti-bacterial agents."

In a recent appearance on Rhodesian Television, Clark MacGregor, former flunky to President Nixon, said that the U.S. might soon grant official recognition to the white supremacist government of Rhodesia.

MacGregor, who was counsel to Nixon on Congressional affairs before resigning to head the Committee to ReElect the President (CREEP), described as "unnatural" the present situation in which Rhodesia has not received international recognition since it broke away from Britain in 1965.

(In the early and mid 1960's, Britain was in the process of releasing its numerous African colonies, "preparing" their black majorities to be self-governing and independent. By 1965, well aware of what had happened in similar neighboring colonies, including Zambia, Malawi and Tanganyika, white settlers in Rhodesia seized control of the government and declared independence from Britain, before Britain could grant it independence and before a black African government could be established.)

The United Nations has declared an economic embargo against Rhodesia, which is ignored by the United States, South Africa, Greece, Portugal and others. The U.S. gets most of its chrome from Rhodesia even though there are other sources available and the U.S. Office of Emergency Preparedness says that the stockpile of chrome is already 2.2 million tons over any foreseeable needs.

The economic embargo is being felt most strongly in heavy industry and by the Rhodesian military. This lessens Rhodesia's ability to intervene in the neighboring Portuguese colony of Mozambique, where the liberation forces (FRELIMO) are fighting (and beating) the Portuguese army.

FRELIMO's successes are making both Rhodesia and South Africa very uncomfortable. A victorious black liberation movement on their very borders would do more than anything to spark a revolt by those two white racist regimes' black majorities.

Claude Lazevis' restaurant in Paris has surprised almost everyone by announcing that it is operating at a profit after one year of business.

Why the surprise? Because Claude's restaurant, called "The Sampiere Corse," doesn't present its customers with a check. Instead, eaters are told to pay what they can afford. People who are broke are actually encouraged to eat without paying a penny.

The Parisian restaurateur is a dedicated communist who is convinced that people — if given the opportunity — really will share what they have. The restaurant has no checks, no cash registers and no cashiers. Instead, people merely put their money into an open cash box and take out the change they believe they are entitled to.

So far, the concept is working.

Take note, all you deadbeats who ripped us off when we fronted you papers when you had no money.

All The News That Fits

The number of Americans who are refusing to pay the excise tax on their telephone bills to protest the Vietnam war had been increasing steadily during the past several years — and this situation is causing some hassles between the telephone company and the Internal Revenue Service.

A special excise tax of 10%, to help finance the war, was imposed four years ago by the Johnson administration. AT&T reports that 22,000 Americans are now refusing to pay the excise tax — up from 17,000 in 1971 and from 12,000 in 1970.

The IRS has been asking the telephone company to disconnect the phones of people who won't pay, but AT&T has refused.

AT&T turns over the names to the IRS, saying that it would cost the company an additional \$200,000 a month just to disconnect the service of war protesters.

Zodiac

Pennsylvania State Senator Henry Cianfrani, a strong public foe of abortions, is in deed political trouble.

Senator Cianfrani's troubles began in December when the Philadelphia Inquirer revealed that the Senator had secretly paid for an ex-girl friend of his to have an abortion two years ago. The story surfaced just a few days after Cianfrani voted in favor of a bill which will greatly toughen laws against abortion in Pennsylvania.

The Inquirer has produced a sworn statement from Committeewoman Patricia Arney, who states that the senator paid for her 1970 abortion after she became pregnant by him. The paper also produced the records of the doctor who performed the abortion that showed Cianfrani paid him \$200 by check to perform the operation.

Cianfrani, who has publicly insisted that abortions are immoral, states that he has never heard of the doctor before, and denies the abortion incident took place. Arney said she decided to make the incident public so that people would know "that Senator Cianfrani is enacting laws...for the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to abide by when he himself has not abided by them."

Zodiac

Now, for the person who has everything — the Esalen Institute at Big Sur, California, is offering an exclusive encounter group: In order to get in you have to be a millionaire — "recently made or of long standing."

There are no name tags. Instead, participants wear slips of paper bearing the amount of money they are worth.

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The Soviet Union, which only recently began to admit to having a drug problem, is now warning its citizens about a "hippie problem."

College Press Service reports that numerous Soviet journals and publications are writing about long-haired youths who are dropping out in various parts of the USSR. The Russian magazine "Soviet Youth" describes the new youth movement as marked by "wierdly dressed bands with neck rings, sunglasses and disgusting names such as 'the Frogs' or 'the Savages.'"

Another paper said that the new youth are "constantly on the move, refusing to give their names or using pseudonyms." The official Soviet youth daily expressed "shock at the ringlets and beards sported by many Soviet youths," adding that the Soviet Union "is teeming everywhere with long hairs."

Soviet officials refuse to accept responsibility for the hippie trend. One establishment journal, "Sovietskaya Rossiya", tried to blame the west. It wrote "Hippieism is a protest against the social structure and the traditions of the capitalistic world. Under Socialism there is not basis for hippieism. Those who imitate hippies are our young people of low culture."

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Sixteen men, stranded for seventy days on an icy peak in the Andes mountains told six hundred people attending a press conference that they survived by eating the flesh of those who did not live through the crash of the airplane that put them in their position in the first place.

A spokesman for the group said that they considered the act to be "an intimate communion" similar to that which some Christians receive on Sundays.

Thousands of young Americans who have refused to be drafted or who have broken a variety of selective service rules are slated to be indicted and prosecuted in the very near future.

The Justice Department and the F.B.I. have been encouraging U.S. Attorneys around the United States to crack down on the backlog of draft resister cases as soon as possible. Many of the unprosecuted cases date back to 1967 -- and, in some cases, even earlier.

A hint of what's to come was the announcement by the U.S. Attorney in Buffalo, New York, that 98 draft resisters were indicted there in the first week of December.

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Just about a year ago, Mary Anna Anderson decided to rent a Roto-Tiller to cultivate her yard which was filled with big rocks and hard soil. The machine looks something like a high-powered snowblower, and the smallest version, which she wanted to rent, weighs 644 pounds and has a 9 hp engine.

But the Northbridge Equipment Rentals of Van Nuys, Calif refused to rent the machine to her because she was a woman. They said they only rented to men over 21 because women tend to get hurt using such equipment.

Anderson had just finished taking the California bar exams and promised that once she was a lawyer she would sue the company, but at the time Northbridge was not impressed. Now they are paying a bit more attention.

The last week in November, she filed a suit in Van Nuys Superior Court demanding punitive damages of \$10,000 for humiliation suffered when several customers laughed as she tried to rent the machine, plus \$250 in penalties for violation of the California penal code. Section 52 prohibits discrimination by business establishments on the basis of race, color, and creed, but not sex.

If she wins her case, Anderson will also be making a new law by extending the law to women too:

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Two days before Christmas U.S. planes bombed Bach Mai Hospital in downtown Hanoi. According to the Swedish Embassy (and later confirmed by the Japanese press) Bach Mai was destroyed and an unknown number of patients, doctors, nurses and health care workers were killed and wounded. Only a small part of the destruction caused by U.S. bombings, but an important part. This hospital is the major center for emergency treatment and surgery in North Vietnam, and when it was destroyed it had absorbed a full load of victims from the previous four days of bombings.

Bach Mai is not an isolated incident — all of the provincial hospitals in North Vietnam have been bombed.

Medical Aid for Indochina has sent \$100,000 worth of medical supplies and equipment to Indochina so far. That may seem like a lot, but it is nowhere near enough to supply even a small hospital. A lot more is needed, and it can only come from you. Your tax dollars paid for the bombs that are destroying Indochina. Tax yourself to help rebuild the destruction.

For the cost of 1,000 pounds of napalm, M.A.I. can send one complete set of eye surgical equipment. For the cost of one ton of B-52 explosives 14 portable oxygen life-support systems useful for transporting wounded civilians from their home villages to the nearest hospital can be delivered to Viet Nam. For only \$995, the cost of one ton of explosives delivered by a Phantom jet, M.A.I. can send a battery-operated electrocardiograph for a hospital in Northern Laos.

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The Defense Department has apparently decided that the armed services must permit women to remain in the service even if they become pregnant.

The decision was not announced publicly, however; instead, the pentagon merely informed former nurse Captain Susan Struck that she will be permitted to serve in the Air Force again. The pentagon made its decision shortly after the US Supreme Court had ruled that it would review Captain Struck's forced discharge from the service.

Captain Struck had been informed two years ago, after she became pregnant, that she would either have to undergo an abortion, or that she would be required to leave the service. She refused the abortion on religious grounds, and was promptly mustered out of the Air Force.

Capt. Struck and the ACLU then filed suit against the Air Force — insisting that the regulations were sexist and unfair to women. They argued that although men are fully involved in the conception process, the pentagon's punishment is handed down only against women.

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The United States, during its involvement in Indochina, has dropped 15 billion pounds of bombs which is approximately the same as the total body weight of everyone in the U.S. combined. That means that Americans have literally dropped their weight in bombs on the Vietnamese.

With the Rivera getting too crowded and Sardinia being too windy the international jet-set is faced with the problem of finding a new place to hang out.

Reports have it, thought, that Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis is hard at work solving the problem. Onassis is currently involved in a multi-million dollar project to build a health spa in the desert of Namibia (Southwest Africa), a territory governed by white supremacist South Africa.

Namibia, a huge area of 824,295 square miles, has a population of about 2 million native Africans and a white colonial population of 100,000, mostly British, German and Dutch.

The million acre tract Onassis has is called Paradise Wilds and the plan is to sell sites to the international set. Half the land will be used for villas and half will be set aside as a game preserve.

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One of the most widely-used food dyes in the U.S. — a chemical called "Violet Number One" — is suspected by food researchers of causing cancerous tumors and skin lesions.

U.S. food processors used 65,000 pounds of Violet 1 in fiscal 1972, which was 20 times as much as they used in 1971. Violet 1 gives off a violet color — and it is being used to replace Red Two, another food dye which is suspected of causing birth defects.

Ralph Nader's Center for Science in the Public Interest warns that Canadian researchers have found that animals that were fed Violet 1 developed malignant tumors and skin lesions.

However, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has rejected petitions calling for a ban on Violet 1, insisting that there is no substantial scientific evidence that it actually causes harm. As a result, more and more food processors are using it every month.

Ironically one of the biggest users of Violet 1 is the United States Government. Whenever you see a piece of meat marked with the "USDA's Stamp of Approval," that purple stamp is pure Violet 1.

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The Great Yogurt

When the jury pronounced Carol Downer "not guilty" of "practicing medicine without a license" in what has come to be known as the "Great Yogurt Conspiracy" the people in the courtroom couldn't suppress their joy and burst forth with cheers. For the victory was a significant one for women who have been involved in self-help clinics.

Carlo, who was arrested in a September raid on the L.A. Feminist Women's Health Center was charged with examining the cervix of a woman and telling her that she had a common yeast infection which could be treated with an application of yogurt.

Jury selection for the trial dealt with the attitudes of the potential jurors towards women and the Women's Liberation Movement. Candidates for the jury were asked such questions as: "Does it bother you that the defendant is a woman, the judge is a

woman, and the defense attorneys are women?" and "could [you] possibly discuss the vagina as a part of a woman's anatomy, like the nose or the eye?" Snickers indicated that some would have difficulty in seeing the trial as a serious health care issue.

Because of the massive publicity around the week-long trial Judge Mary E. Waters invoked a gag rule which prevented the attorneys and the defendant from making any statements to the press about the case. Judge Waters also ordered spectators not to leaflet jurors or even to carry leaflets on their person.

Trouble began for Carol and the Feminist Women's Health Center on April 28 when a woman undercover agent paid a visit to the Self Help Clinic and asked questions about pregnancy and other topics. Apparently, between April and the end of August several other visits were made to the clinic by other

female agents.

Then, on September 20, the Self Help Clinic was raided while women were sitting in the living room of the Center discussing their personal experiences with regard to medical care. Ten policemen entered and told the women to stay where they were. Then, after showing a search warrant, they searched the entire house.

The eight plainclothesmen and two uniformed policemen confiscated items such as speculums used for vaginal self-examination, books and records of the Center, as well as demonstration items used to teach women about various hospital techniques. The Feminist Women's Health Center does not diagnose pregnancy but they do preliminary screening in conjunction with abortion referral services.

The police remained at the house for about three hours, cataloguing items to be removed, and

Yippie! Struggles On!

Well folks, the myth you've heard about for the last five years is now reality. A national YIP organization was born during the YIP conference which took place November 22-26 in Columbus, Ohio. The main thrust of the conference was that autonomy of local chapters will be stressed, so that decisions which affect the community will be made in the community instead of by a national office 1000 miles away. The revolutionary organization we build should reflect the society we wish to live in, free of hierarchy and manipulation.

A few ideas we have in mind for when energies interested in these directions can be gathered are a street-sheet/journal (free), a phone tree and free job board, cheap revolutionary comics, community center and library, self-and community defense programs, food co-ops, and anything else people with the talent or interest would like to do. We also intend to be action-oriented and intend to take part in the national spring offensive this year. Many YIP chapters are planning to attend the presidential InHOGuration on January 20 in Washington DC and the annual July 4

Smoke-In at the same place.

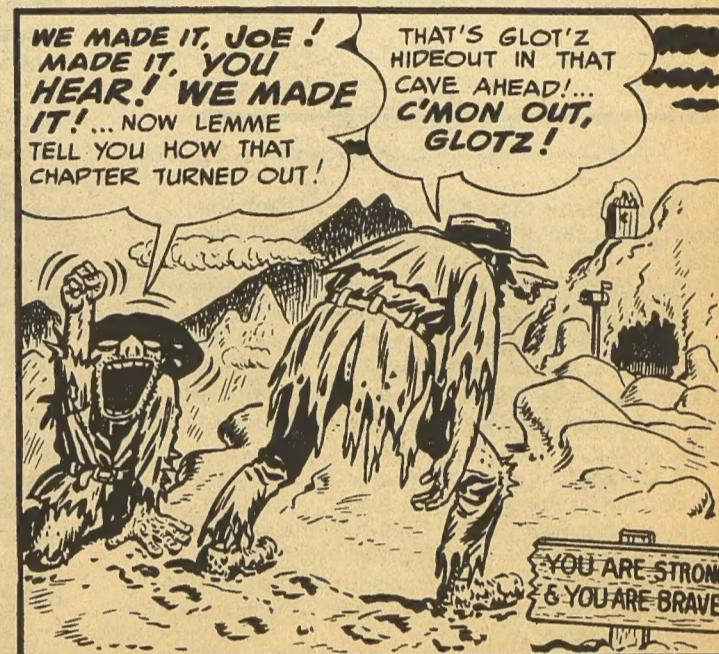
The main flow of our politics is anti-sexist, anti-authoritarian, pro-life. We see revolution not as "blood, sweat and tears" or "fun and games" but as a serious, imaginative struggle to attain total freedom by whatever means necessary. We are not guilt-trippers fighting everyone else's struggle but our own, nor are we individualists fighting only for ourselves. No one is free until everyone is free.

By the way, we are not Abbie and Jerry and their macho media image. (They pulled a Lindsey and switched parties, taking their money with them.) We can get along without their ego-tripping. Building a revolutionary culture does not mean creating new superstars or supporting hip capitalism and is much more than simply dope and music.

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Chicago YIP

We can be reached by writing us care of the Seed, 950 W. Wrightwood, Box 13½. Join us!!



"IN SORROW SHALT THOU

This is part one of a three part series by Kathleen Barry. This first part is on doctors, midwives and childbirth practices.



Is there evidence of male chauvinism in the health care of women known as obstetrics and gynecology? Do women suffer more than the public in general from AMA control of health care: suffering that goes beyond economic gouging and inept service?

The recent reintroduction of the obstetrical chair for childbirth delivery and the discovery that midwives used this contrivance until men took over the profession makes us doubt the purity of male motive in outlawing midwives and forcing women prone for delivery. Evidence mounts for unnecessary hysterectomies and mastectomies and seen in socio-cultural perspective, the efforts to "castrate" women become obvious.

New alternatives to the old brutality are on the horizon and they are being forged into the health care of women by Women's Centers being established throughout the country. In the frenzy of activity we must stop and ask "Why?" What are we really fighting?

A few years ago a woman was involved in a serious automobile accident during the eighth month of her pregnancy. The impact was so great that her pregnant abdomen dented the dashboard on the passenger's side of the car. She was rushed to the hospital bloody and in severe pain. Although she desperately tried to convince the doctor that her baby was dead as she could feel no heartbeat, she was dismissed two hours after her arrival at the hospital only to return two days later in pain with severe hemorrhaging. Autopsy of the fetus revealed that she carried it for two days dead with a crushed skull. She remained in the hospital for over a month recovering from the severe complications resulting from this.

Ever since god decreed that Eve must bear children in pain it seems that man kind has been inventing ways to make that an ever increasing reality.

This incident and others may be part of today's coffee clache or tomorrow's gossip session. The coffee clache is one of the great American institutions women have constructed for their own survival. The most common subject of discussion in the coffee clache be it amongst suburban housewives, urban housewives, urban secretaries, or welfare mothers is the re-

Conspiracy

packing them into the trunks of four cars. Then they handed over two arrest warrants, one for Colleen Wilson and another for Carol Downer; they took everyone's name, and left — but not before they joked about the materials they removed and made snide remarks about the pictures showing self-examination.

Colleen and Carol turned themselves in to the Sybil Brand Institute for Women where they were detained for several hours, although bail was posted immediately. A group of about 50 women from the community accompanied them to show support.

Colleen Wilson subsequently pleaded guilty to one charge of fitting a diaphragm, was fined \$250 and placed on two years probation.

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Dopes Do Downers



Amid an onslaught of rumors about a 700mg dosage of quaaludes being available on the streets of our town, the people at Alternatives did a little checking around.

No such thing. Forget it, you suicidal little twerps!

The 150mg quaaludes are now being stamped with the number 712. The 300mg quaaludes are stamped 714.

Of course, that doesn't make quaaludes any less dangerous. Also called sopors, quaaludes are thin white pills a little smaller than an aspirin. They are downers and, like any other downer (reds, yellows, etc) they are extremely dangerous. A slight overdose can make the user go into convulsions or coma.

The usual prescription dosage — given to people who have trouble sleeping — is 75mg a couple of times a day. The 300mg pills, therefore, are four times the usual dose.

For further information about quaaludes, or any other drug sold on the streets, call Alternatives at 973-5400.

BRING FORTH CHILDREN"

hashing of what happened at the doctor's, what surgery was like or how we got through this delivery. In an effort to dissipate desperation women ooh and aah at the description of each other's experiences and in the process provide for each other a means of some emotional relief from the feelings of victimization, cruelty, and unconcern along with sympathy for the very real and very often intense pain experienced.

Most women do not like to go to the doctor. There has been a good deal of confusion about why women shy away from the doctor and why when they do go they must have an opportunity to vent frustrations and discomforts. The confusion is tied up with some false notions about puritanism and some even falser notions about doctors.

Women shying away from doctors is most often attributed to prudery. It is assumed that when a woman hesitates to visit a doctor she is a prude: she is afraid to undress in front of him, and always complains about having to greet him prone on a table with legs spread wide apart in stirrups.

The fact is that the sexual activities and mores of women have nothing to do with their reluctance to visit gynecologists. The women who believe they are "sexually liberated" are as steadfast in their reluctance as the upright churchgoer.

And it is precisely because women fear being labeled a prude that they do not unravel their pains and agonies beyond the coffee claque. The coffee claque bypasses the accusations of prudery and individual women suffer them silently — at least half believing them.

If it is not prudery that makes a visit to the medical men so repugnant then what is it? Why are the stories in the coffee clatches the same from kitchen to kitchen, from office to office across the country and why do they represent unending horror? To answer these questions we must go back into the medical history of womankind when women received medical attention from midwives.

From Hippocrates and the beginning of the practice of medicine women were barred from being instructed in it. Especially from the beginning of Christianity women were denied access to medical knowledge,

Yet they were expected to minister to women in childbirth and illness.

During these hundreds of years of Christianity and for many years prior to it, up to the nineteenth century there has existed societal taboos forbidding men to provide medical treatment to women. Except for a few privileged noblewomen periodically throughout history, men have refused to medically attend to women while barring them from medical knowledge.

The proscription against men attending women and the barring of women from any medical knowledge of the day resulted in the sacrifice of many female lives and a desperate need for health care. It is in this context that the deficiencies and superstitions of midwives must be understood. Because of their occupation, midwives in European society were most often subject to scorn and contempt which reflected the general contempt for women in society.

The position of the midwife in Europe sank to its lowest ebb from the fifteenth century to the seventeenth century. This contempt for the midwife and the resultant lowered social position settled in the United States with our "founding fathers" where the entire field of obstetrics belonged solely to women until the beginning of the twentieth century.

Despite these limitations, women, as midwives, have been responsible through their personal knowledge of female anatomy and physiology for remarkable contributions to the whole field of obstetrics. But we heard little of their contributions.

For example, in the eleventh century there was Maestra Trotula, an honored and revered midwife who was responsible for the first description of repair of the pelvic floor after childbirth. Mary Durnally performed the first successful Caesarean section in England in 1773. In a book published by Justine Seigemund in 1776, midwives received an extensive description of the procedure for turning the infant in the womb to prepare it for delivery if it had not assumed the proper position.

Midwives have always been thought to have been women engaged in a very dirty business which is exactly what the doctors of the time thought of the doctoring of women. The midwife has been associated with

the witch and incorporated into some of the more sexist folklore. But there was a reason for historically associating the midwife with the witch. The witch was somebody labeled by the Catholic Church as one who maintained the religious beliefs of pre-Christians. The earlier pagan religion predominated in the peasant classes throughout the middle ages. The witch hunts, trials and murders were the Christian means of converting the peasants.

This association of the midwife with the witch becomes very important in the sixteenth century when the first efforts are made by the Christian church to license midwives. Consistent with the historical treatment of women, the oaths required of midwives revealed grave concern for 1] the father being credited with the newborn infant, 2] the midwife being forbidden to perform pagan rituals during the delivery in which she was assisting and 3] the insurance that a stillborn infant would be baptized in the Christian religion.

Catholics, then as now, made clear in these oaths their total disregard for the parturient woman. This was later substantiated with their rulings against abortion, risking female life to save fetal growth, and mandating that at delivery if there is a choice to be made between mother and the yet-to-be-born infant, the mother's life must always be sacrificed.

It was the Christian church that fought to keep men out of the doctoring of women and it was the Christian church that protected men's rights and religious orthodoxy in the care of women provided by women.

One medical advantage gained by male doctors as early as the sixteenth century was the use of the forceps to aid in difficult deliveries. But as men did not attend to childbirth the forceps fell into disuse until the nineteenth century when men began to see some economic advantages in attending to women.

Men refused to allow midwives access to the forceps so that when a difficult birth was to take place a male doctor had to be called in, thus placing him in a position of superior knowledge and ability.

Anesthesia was but another example of the advancement that was discovered and kept from women. continued on page 10

The Cardinal vs. The Commies

I was thumbing through my First Holy Communion prayer book last summer when I came across an autographed picture of Cardinal Spellman.

Ordinarily, I don't place too high a significance upon autographed pictures of Cardinal Spellman, but this one was something special. I was awarded it in the fourth grade for ransoming pagan babies from the communists.

This might seem a little far fetched to skeptics or people who didn't go to Catholic school during the McCarthy era of the 50's, but it is only a reflection of the time.

Red China had just been lost to communism, the Russians were taking over Eastern Europe and, at home, the Reds were coming in through the windows — at least so said Joseph McCarthy. Since the communists were not especially known for their love of Catholicism, many church officials were gravely concerned.

We used to ransom pagan babies every morning right after we finished our air raid drills against atomic attacks by the Russians. I could never quite figure out how hiding under your desk could save you from an atomic bomb, but in those days I took a lot for granted.

"All right, children, the captains of the aisles are taking a collection for the pagan babies," Sister Mary Latitsia, my fourth grade teacher would say. Boy pagan babies were \$5.00 and girl pagan babies were \$4.50. All the ones not ransomed by Easter would be drowned in a barrel of water by the communists.

As captain of aisle three, I collected enough money to ransom four pagan babies during 1955. "God bless you, James," said Sister Mary Latitsia. "You're a good catholic and an anticommunist."

For each pagan baby ransomed, we got out of school a half hour early and received an autographed picture of His Excellency Francis Cardinal Spellman, founder of the Propagation of the Faith which brought the pagan babies into the "True Faith" and, of course, the Free World. We also got to name the pagan babies.

As a fourth grader I was very naive, and did not have an extensive knowledge of vulgar colloquialisms. Everybody in my aisle was always giving the pagan babies names whose initials spelt out dirty words.

For example, one day my aisle decided to have a pagan baby baptized Frances Urban Charles Kenneth.

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Even though it was only needed in difficult deliveries it was not available to women until the nineteenth century and then at the hands of men. Prior to this women experienced everything from difficult labor to Caesarian sections very awake, at least until they died from the barbarism.

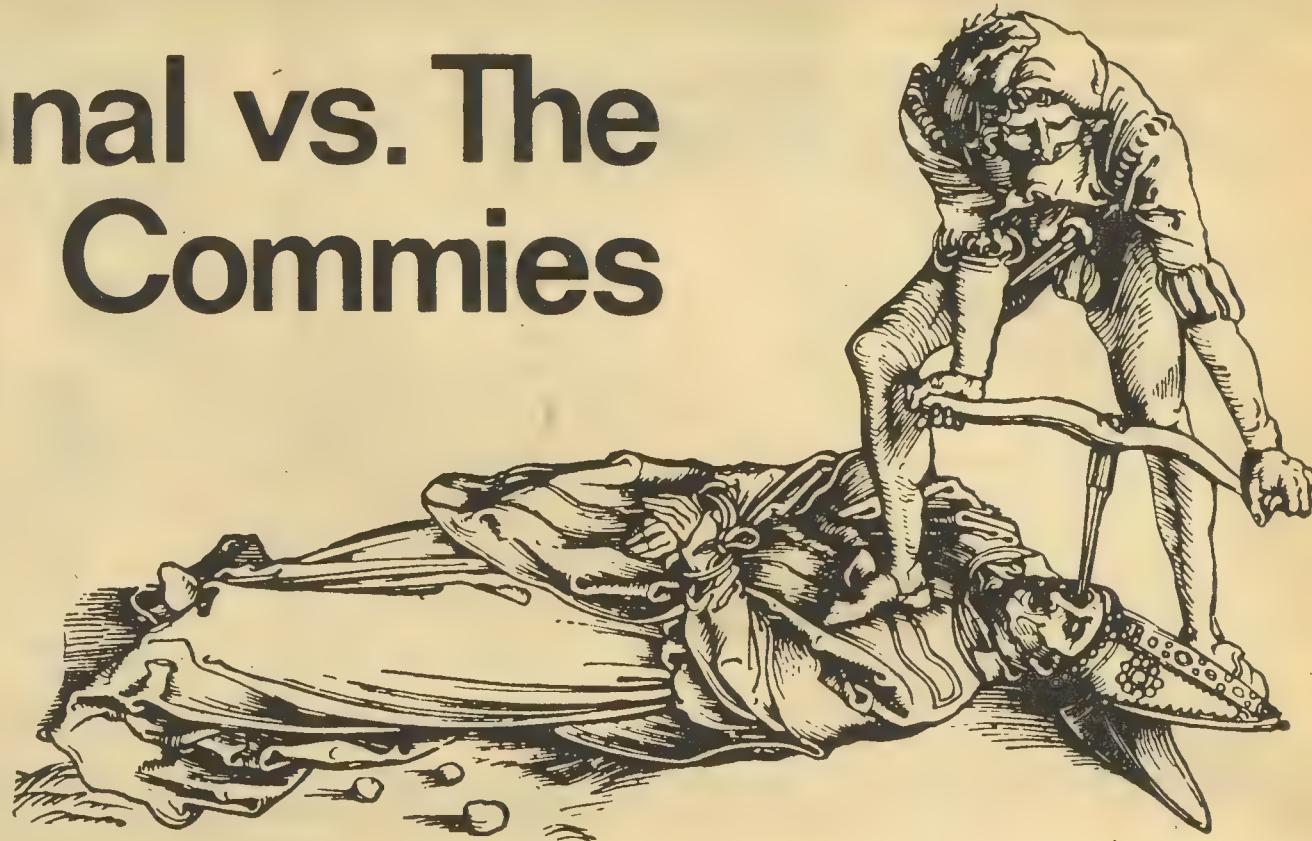
It has long been felt that women were much more sensitive to the needs of women and had fewer irrational taboos to deal with when relating to women, had no need for maintaining a position of superiority and with the medical knowledge accorded to men could be the only ones to effectively treat women.

But the men had the knowledge, control and power, not only in medicine but in the rest of society. With this they proceeded to take over the entire field of the midwife by the beginning of the twentieth century, calling it obstetrics and gynecology. It is the trick with words that has left us to believe that obstetrics is the legitimate field and that the midwife was a crank. Obstetrician literally means midwife, "one who stoops in front of". As soon as the takeover began and the lucrativeness of the medical treatment of women was apparent, the midwife was outlawed.

And now 70 years later as we complain in our coffee clatches, we are just beginning to see what we lost when we gained men in the doctoring of women.

One of those losses was the obstetrical chair used by the midwife for the parturient woman at the time of delivery. From the beginning of recorded history until 70 years ago, the chair developed by midwives allowed women to give birth in an upright position. It was a portable device carried by the midwife to the home where a woman was about to give birth.

With the advent of the male obstetrician, the chair disappeared and until last year there were no signs of it ever having existed. As we mentioned earlier, the meaning of obstetrician derived from midwife is "to stoop in front of." From the stooping position the midwife would assist in the delivery of the infant as it emerged from the womb. From this position the woman in labor had the advantage of nature and the laws of gravity which sped the labor and allowed easy delivery.



When I wrote his initials on the black board, Sister Mary Latitsia became very upset and beat my knuckles with a yardstick. My grade in penmanship went down to 65 that week.

The only person who never gave any money to ransom pagan babies from the communists was Francis Foy, whom Sister Mary Latitsia believed to be possessed by the devil.

Sister Mary was always telling us how anybody who desecrated the body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the form of the Holy Eucharist would be struck dead or suffer some similar act of divine revenge. "Bullshit!" said Frances Foy.

One Sunday after Frances Foy desecrated the body and blood of Jesus Christ by taking the communion wafer out of his mouth, throwing it on the floor and stepping on it, Sister Mary Latitsia sent him to the rectory to see Father O'Malley.

After calling upon God the Father, the Holy Ghost and a general assortment of the angels and the saints, Father O'Malley was unable to exorcize the devil from Francis Foy. Not a single spirit was to be seen leaving his body in the form of a snake or reptile.

First the communists start taking over the world and now the devil has control of one of his parishioners. "My son, the devil has a strong hold on you," said Father O'Malley.

"Bullshit!" said Frances Foy.

At the first of every month Sister Mary Latitsia received a packet of baptismal certificates from the Propagation of the Faith with the names of all the pagan babies we ransomed from the communists. "Children, you have given eternal life to three more wayward souls," she said.

"Bullshit!" said Frances Foy more or less predictably.

When we got to high school one of the Christian Brothers who taught religion told us that the money we collected really didn't go to ransom pagan babies from the communists. "Cardinal Spellman gave it to Ngo Dinh Diem to fight communism," he said.

Recently, I came across an article by French correspondent Madeline Reboud who reported on the Diem Government during the middle 1950's. The Vietnamese people were divided. Those suspected of being communists and the families of former communists were persecuted. Arrests, torturings before assembled village populations, humiliations, and executions were common. Some villagers were tied in a sack, pierced with swords, doused with gasoline and burned to the accompaniment of drums."

Frances Foy was right.

—Jim Flanagan
Harrisburg Independent Press

No man 70 years ago or today in 1972 would consider stooping in front of a woman to assist her in delivery. The male obstetrician, confident of this superiority over women and at the stroke of a jealous hand changed childbirth from a natural process to a barbarous event.

Refusing to stoop in front of a woman, he put woman beneath him, prone on a delivery table. Male egos could be swabbed and satisfied with the woman flat on their backs and male control over women was complete with women strapped to a table with their legs wide apart in stirrups, this helpless and vulnerable position being directly opposite of that which would allow quick and safe delivery.

As women have gained from medical knowledge of men, women have lost from men's traditional, patriarchal and supremist attitudes toward women.

Now that men control the delivery room a normal childbirth procedure looks something like this: once labor has begun and contractions are getting closer together, the pregnant woman goes to the hospital to have the doctor deliver her baby. Once at the hospital she is left in a horizontal position where she will continue in labor several times longer than if she were allowed to remain in an upright position. As contractions come closer together and the cervix is dilated, she is ready for delivery.

Doctors are known to plunge their fists into the vagina occasionally to check for dilation when women are experiencing contractions — an act that is calculated to intensify pain and increase humiliation. But the doctors can quickly explain this away by stating this is the only time that the extent of dilation can be truly determined.

This carefully camouflages the fact that this whole procedure is done for the doctor's convenience so that he will know how long he has for a coffee break.

Another practice introduced into obstetrics by men is the shaving of the pubic hair. In many countries of Europe today this is still unknown. Foreign born women in America who have given birth in Europe and then experience the delivery procedures in the United States are horrified at many of these practices.

Shaving of the pubic hair is one that is constantly complained about. It is difficult to get women to talk about this experience (which is also forced on all women as they enter prison) but when it is discussed women express unanimous repulsion at the senseless act. It has been seen as a kind of castration procedure to induce humiliation.

Doctors will argue that if the hair is not shaved it would literally have to be parted for the delivery. Although many women do tend to allow the hair on their heads to grow to such lengths, the notion of transference of this practice to the pubic area is ridiculous if not impossible. The doctors' concerns for the spreading of germs completely ignores the protecting membranes covering the emerging infant. If there was still any concern we would refer our medical men to anti-septic soap.

With the complete male control of the field of obstetrics and the total protection afforded them by the grand patriarch, the A.M.A., abuses easily are able to mount in practice. For example, any dedicated hospital staff knows that the doctor should be in the delivery room to catch the baby to earn his \$450.

But babies come when they are ready and really don't care about doctor's convenience. This results in the barbarous practice of holding the legs of the woman together to prevent delivery until the doctor arrives. Almost every woman who has had more than one child has experienced this and reports excruciating pain from the practice. It is at this point in the delivery that the woman learns in a most poignant way that she is totally helpless and at the mercy of the doctor.

A victim of sadism, she knows from the purposeful pain she is experiencing that his mercy is none too gentle. This feeling of helplessness often leads to the justified fear that to disobey an order or refuse to comply with the practices could mean more pain or injury to the infant she is about to bear and has desired for nine months.

—Kathleen Barry
from Pandora.

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kitty hawk rebellion

On November 29th, the carrier Kitty Hawk returned to San Diego. Since that time, court-martial proceedings have been started against 19 of the 28 black sailors arrested after the black rebellion on the Kitty Hawk on October 12.

Since that time, details of the fighting have also become known. Tensions on the ship had been quite high for some time prior to the outbreak of fighting. Sailors were angry about the extended tour of duty in Vietnam, long work hours, short shore leaves, and Captain Marland W. Townsend's arrogant treatment of sailors on the ship. There had been a number of small fights prior to Oct 12.

The fight itself started by a racial conflict in the messhall, after which 30 or 40 blacks protested in the messhall. They were confronted by Marine guards

carrying nightsticks and shouting racist slogans. At this point the executive officer, Ben Clout (black) tried to stop the fighting by ordering all blacks to one end of the ship and all marines to the other. A minute later, however, Captain Townsend countermanded the order over the intercom and the fighting began.

After the incident 28 were arrested, all black. Some of the arrests were purely malicious. In one, a black sailor and a marine had been fighting. The marine bit the sailor on the leg. Later the marine told a hospital corpsman, "If a black come in here with a bite on the leg, I want to know about it." When a black with a bite on his-leg did show up, he was immediately arrested.

CAMP News.

jeff allison jailed

On December 7, a military judge found Jeff Allison guilty of Arson, Sabotage, and Hazarding a Vessel in the fire aboard the carrier USS Forrestal last July 10th. He was sentenced to serve five years and got a bad conduct discharge.

The court martial took just under two weeks to complete from opening statements to sentencing. The fire was the biggest act of sabotage in Naval history, causing between 7 and 12 million dollars to the ship. The fires caused the Forrestal to be delayed for two months on an upcoming Mediterranean cruise.

The navy had a case built around the testimony of a Navy Intelligence Service agent who claims to have received a confession from Jeff while Jeff was waiting to take a lie detector test. The defense denied this confession was ever made. The Naval Judge, Capt. William Neely, ruled early in the first week of the trial that the testimony of the NIS agent was acceptable

as evidence. Stanley Sacks, the defense attorney, stated that the alleged confession was an oral statement made under duress and could not be used as evidence.

Another part of the Navy's case was the fact that the areas in which the fires happened were accessible to Jeff. The defense stated that the areas were also accessible to others and that Jeff was the only one charged with the crime.

The Navy had little else to go with so they tacked on a drug charge to the rest so Jeff would be convicted of something. Ironically he was found innocent of the drug charges. There were no witnesses to the fires but that didn't stop the Navy from finding Jeff guilty. So it looks as if the Navy has convicted Jeff on the word of a NIS agent and sent a 19 year old sailor to jail for five years on such flimsy evidence.

CAMP News

CONSTELLATION disciplined

The disciplinary proceedings against 123 of the 137 sailors put off the carrier Constellation last month have been continuing. Of these, at least 97 have been given extra duty, fined, or reduced in rank. A number have been discharged. Of the 16 known discharges 13 got honorable discharges and three got general discharges. In the month since the demonstrations, sailors and the ship's captain have been exchanging charges shedding light on the incident.

Captain Ward of the Connie claims he put the sailors ashore to end sabotage and the threat of violence. He claimed that for some time prior to the demonstration the ship had been having trouble with sabotage. "Some ordnance equipment had been tampered with and some expensive equipment had disappeared over the side. There is certainly some indication a saboteur had been at work." He further claimed the black sailors intended to "tear up the ship." Ward claimed that "many of these young men were trying to start violence."

In regard to his handling of the demonstration itself, Ward defended his decision not to talk with the sailors. "They were not orderly and not under administrative control," he said. "They wanted me there but my presence wouldn't have helped. Someone might have gotten hurt."

Ward placed little importance on the black's grievances. He said he was still not aware of specific grievances other than menial duties and lack of oppor-

tunity to advance in rank. He said he had also heard there were complaints about lack of hot water, poor galley conditions, and assignments to duties on days off. When asked about discharges, Ward claimed "I don't recall any discharges given out lately." However, he later admitted six sailors were told of impending discharges because they were what he called "low performers." All were black.

On their side, the sailors stated that if there had been violence, it would have been precipitated by the brass, not by the demonstrators. They claimed that they were holding an orderly demonstration, when Marines in riot dress rushed on the scene shouting, "Where's the riot! Where's the riot?" They further claimed that the Captain's presence would have helped. One sailor said, "If the captain would have talked to us, if he would have just come over the loudspeaker — if he would have just done that — we wouldn't be here now."

In contrast to Ward, the sailors stressed that very broad general issues were involved. They attacked the "calculated racism" and terrible living and working conditions in the Navy. As one sailor put it: "The want and the need is for justice; justice and to be treated like a man." They also stressed that the protest was not just against one ship. One of them said, "We're not talking about any one ship, we're talking about the Navy."

CAMP NEWS

billy SMITH FREE

"I've been sitting in pre-trial confinement, maximum security, for a long and lonely period of time. I was accused, charged, found guilty, and sentenced to death while I was still in Vietnam simply because I didn't have a puppet mind and I was a candid, outspoken individual. I had stated time and time again that I realized that the war in Indochina was unjust and racially motivated, and most of all I strictly hated all who had a high regard for the habitual butchery of the Vietnamese people."

"I've been digging these pigs carefully and I know that when my vindication comes, it shall be through the massive awareness through the massive awareness of social justice, not through military injustice."

— Private Billy Dean Smith, before his trial.

Private Billy Dean Smith, the first GI charged with frapping his officers in Vietnam, walked along the sand dunes of Monterey. The 24-year-old black soldier from Watts needed one huge breath of fresh air.

He had spent the last 20 months under lock and key, undergoing a solitary ordeal which began on the other side of the Pacific Ocean at a United States Army base called Bien Hoa.

His case, which attracted international attention as the symbol of GI resistance to the U.S. military, ended in a resounding defeat for the Pentagon. In mid-November, a jury composed of seven career officers acquitted Smith of six charges, including the frapping deaths of two white lieutenants and the attempted murder of Captain Randall Rigby and First Sergeant Billy Willis, Smith's unit commanders at Bien Hoa, Vietnam.

"I am pleased that seven conscientious army men showed the courage and conscience to exonerate me," Smith quietly explained to a San Francisco press conference called jointly with Angela Davis. "But a fair trial for me as in the case of my sister Angela Davis, would have meant no trial at all."

While the press corps grumbled noisily over his decision not to answer questions from the floor, Smith went on to attack the Vietnam war.

"I am glad to be free," he said, "but I can't really be free until the war in Southeast Asia is over. The blood of six million Vietnamese has soaked the soil in that land."

Smith explained his prosecution as part of an effort to intimidate anti-war GI's and discourage the wave of frappings which eliminated hundreds of unpopular officers in the final years of the massive U.S. infantry presence in South Vietnam.

"The army needed a scapegoat and singled me out because I was an outspoken critic of the war and was not afraid to expose the racism of the Vietnam war," Smith told reporters.

He announced his intention of "dedicating the rest of my life to working for the freedom of all political prisoners everywhere." His own freedom will be somewhat limited by the one conviction sustained by the jury that acquitted him of six more serious charges.

In its single concession to the prosecution, the military tribunal held Smith guilty of kneeing and spitting on the officer who arrested him 90 minutes after the frappings took place. For this one assault conviction, Smith will get a bad conduct (dishonorable) discharge, which makes it very difficult to get a straight job. He will also lose all his back pay.

Angela Davis termed Smith's acquittal on the major charges: "This victory gives us strength and stimulus to build an organization and movement to free all political prisoners."

The trial of Billy Dean Smith produced a pile of evidence against the U.S. Army. Aside from establishing Billy's innocence, the court heard testimony that vast numbers of GIs use heroin, that American soldiers drag women from Vietnamese villages onto U.S. bases and rape them without reprimand, and that soldiers in Billy's unit frequently talked about killing the unit's commanders.

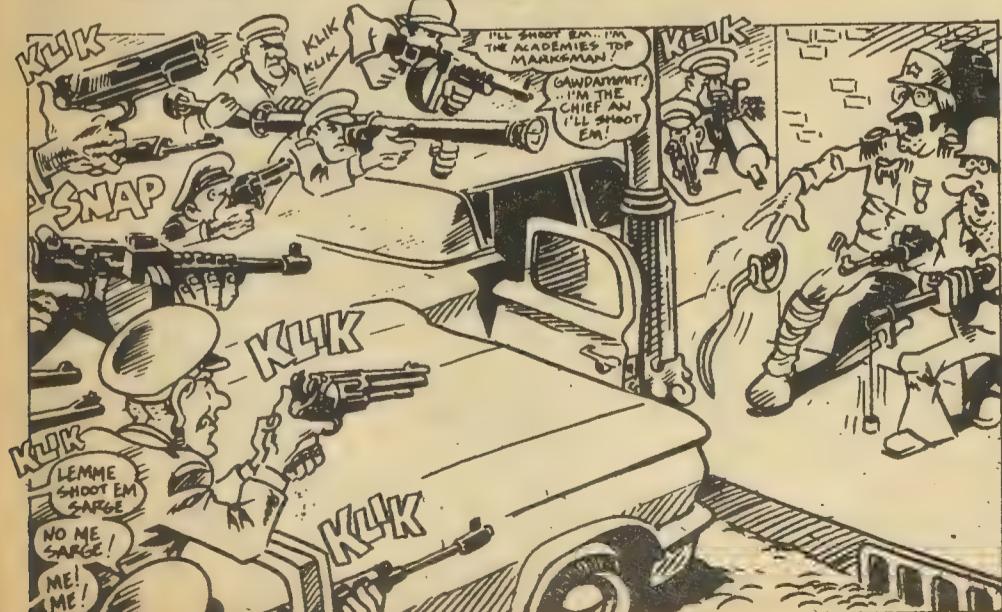
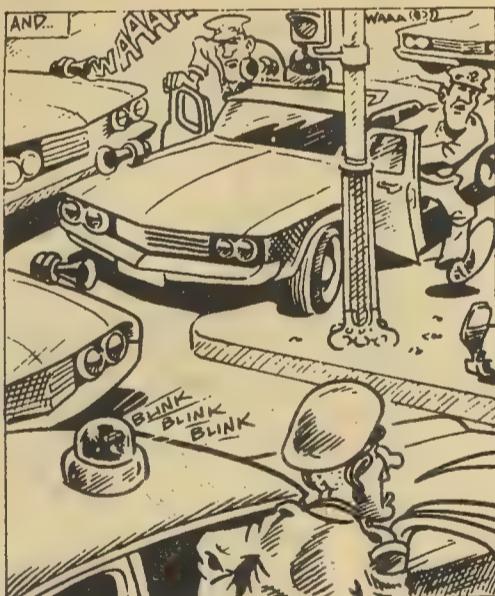
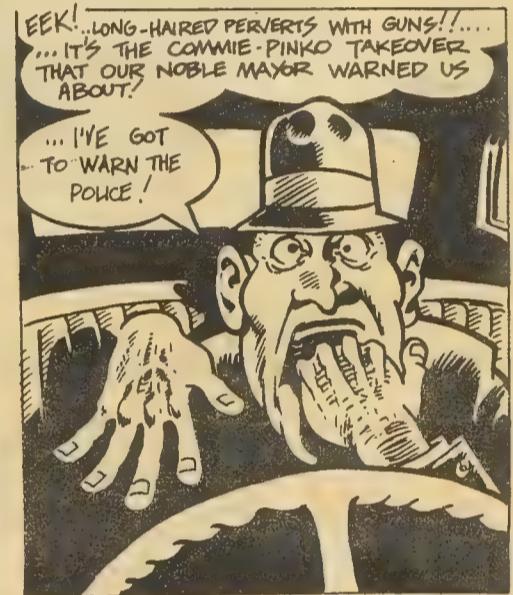
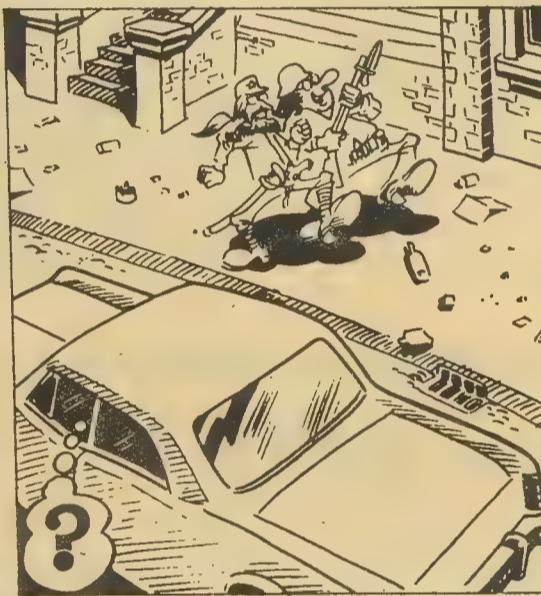
Other witnesses testified that black soldiers in Vietnam had to band together for survival, since in combat situations white officers frequently ordered them to the front lines while assigning whites to the rear.

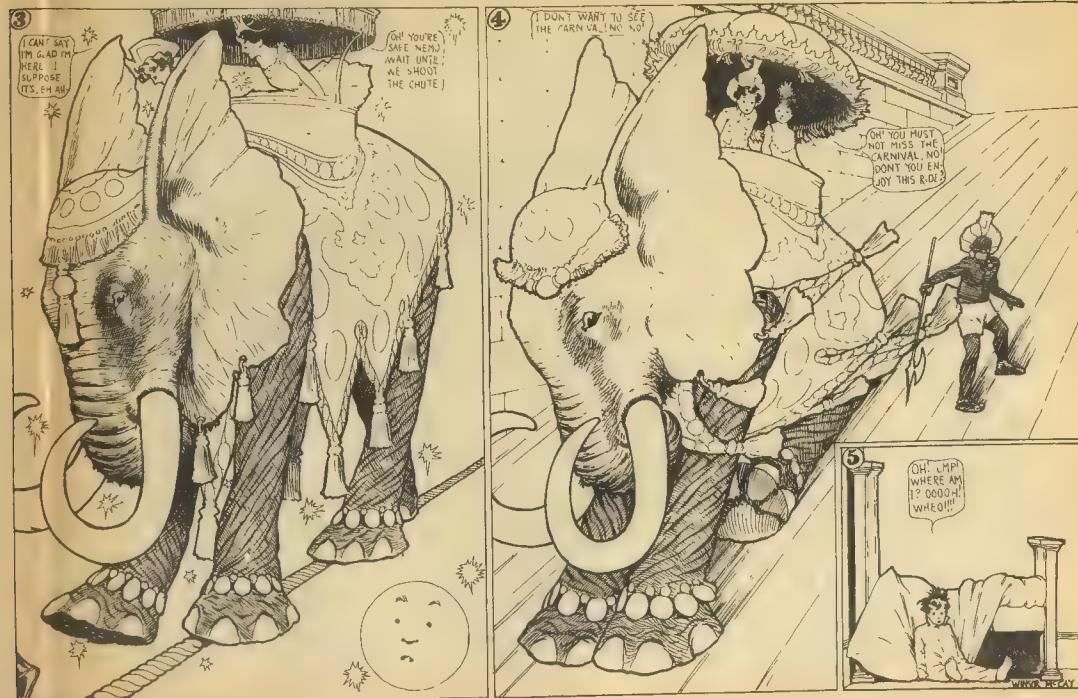
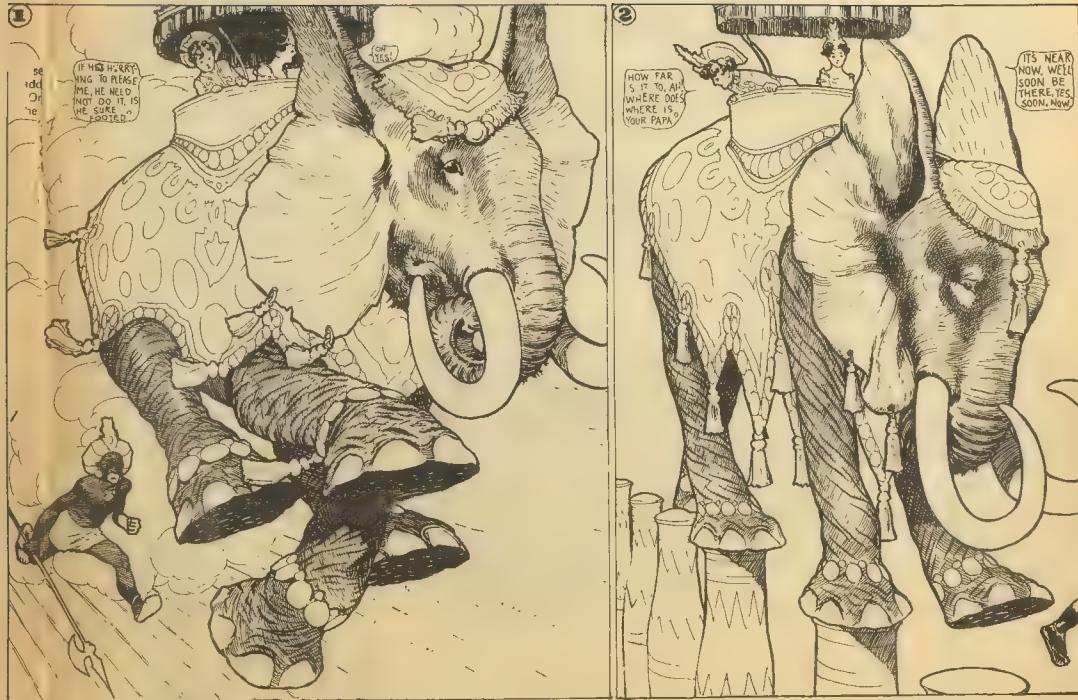


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All The News That Fits

A Gay Teacher's Caucus of the National Educational Association is organizing under the leadership of John Gish, a 35-year old English teacher from Paramus, N.J.

"Most gay teachers as known to be gay, or are assumed to be gay, by their students and their Boards of Education. Just as long as nothing is said the system tolerates them. But I'm fed up with lying to them," said Gish. "I'm tired of using women to accompany me to proms so that a 'proper' image is preserved. I'm tired of listening to anti-gay jokes in the faculty room."

The first action by the caucus was to introduce a gay rights proposal at the recent NEA convention. The proposal failed to pass, but Gish is already planning to re-introduce it at next year's convention.

The Gay Teacher's Caucus can be reached at 32-Bridge St., Hackensack, N.J. 07601.

-YPNS

The director of New York State's Agriculture Department charged last month that "organic foods" often contain more pesticides than do "non-organic" foods.

Dr. Elmer George said that his department found pesticide residues in 30% of the 'organic foods' which were bought in New York health food stores. Dr. George stated that traces of pesticides are generally found in only about 20% of the 'non-organic' foods being sold.

Zodiac

The Christian Crusade Weekly — a publication of the Baptist Church — has launched a national effort to prevent CBS from showing the movie "Woodstock" on national TV April 19th.

The Christian Crusade Weekly reports that it has complained to CBS executive Robert D. Wood about the "Immorality" of the film, but that Wood insists that CBS has "Sanitized" portions of the movie. Wood explained to the newspaper that a full hour of the original Woodstock movie had been cut by CBS censors so that the film could be shown to general audiences. But the Christian Crusade complains that editing the film for TV would be "impossible since the whole four-hour "Woodstock" film was a subculture glorification of drugs, promiscuity, nudity and subversion of law and order."

In an open letter to CBS, the Baptist newspaper complains that "'Woodstock' will only reinforce drug-oriented youths in their hell-bent activities, giving them an aura of respectability, whereas in reality what these potheads need are reprimand, discipline and conversion." The newspaper adds that the film capitalizes on "Music that was often politically subversive and the desecration of the American flag." The newspaper also strongly criticizes a statement made by the movie's promoters who describe it as "The cinematic Bible for young people." Says the Christian Crusade: "(this) Bible... is not the word of God, but the word of drugs, illicit and degenerate sex, obscenities and crass hedonism."

CBS reports it still intends to go ahead with its screening of Woodstock April 19.

Zodiac

His ineffable Holiness, Swami Suchalottashit, The Pullulating Fount of All Wisdom, the Lord of Light, has deigned to visit our unworthy city of Chicago with his Coruscating Presence. He will dispense with his Eternal Wisdom daily at the Guru Room of the O'Hareport Inn, between the hours of 9 and 6, daylight, and the hours of 8 and 11, night. Devotees are urged to honor his Presence with all due humility, divesting themselves of all worldly goods and chattels, placing them into his Divine Hands for Blessings and the Achievement of Oneness with his bank account. As the Everrenewing Fountain Of Goodness is of limited extent, Devotees are urged to come early.

And we have this note of subversive society news to start the new year off right.

Superstar activist Jane Fonda and former professional defendant Tom Hayden have announced their forthcoming marriage.

An exact date for the blessed event of holy matrimony has not yet been announced, although Ms. Fonda does have a few commitments to deal with first — completing her latest movie, divorcing filmmaker Roger Vadim, and so on.

Then again, Tommy Hayden hasn't exactly ended the war yet...

John Birch Society chapters in the Indianapolis area are a little red-faced these days.

Kieth Apple, who was closely associated with the Bircher organization, had been conducting "Support Your Local Police" educational meetings with hundreds of Indianapolis high school students during the past few months. But last week, Apple's Pro-police meetings came to an abrupt halt: it happened when Apple's house was busted for allegedly being the center of the largest drug ring in Indianapolis.

Police report seizing amphetamines and barbituates worth \$10,000 in Apple's home, along with John Birch Society material. They charge that Apple's house in a fashionable neighborhood was the center for a drug ring that operated in four Indianapolis High schools and involved at least 500 students.

A number of conservative parents have voiced concern over the bust because they had been leaving their children regularly at Apple's house for what they understood to be lessons in patriotism.

Apple's statement upon being taken into custody was: "My God, my God, this is going to ruin me!"

Zodiac

The U.S. government is currently spending a total of 68 billion dollars to construct 42,500 miles of freeways under the Interstate Highway Trust Fund approved by congress.

This means that U.S. taxpayers are paying out more than \$1.3 million for every MILE of interstate highways being built.

* The total excavations will move enough dirt to bury the state of Connecticut knee deep.

* The new rights of way required total one-and-one half million acres.

* Just the sand, gravel and crushed stone needed for the new freeways is enough to build a stone wall 50 feet wide and nine feet high extending completely around the world.

Zodiac

What was billed as the "Ultimate Rock Concert" took place at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum November 25 — and it turned out to be the ultimate bust instead.

By the time the concert concluded at 2am, a record 323 people had been arrested and jailed by police on a variety of dope and booze charges. The "Ultimate Rock Concert" was sponsored by an AM Top 40 station in Pasadena called KROQ. Despite the concert's billing as the "next Woodstock," only 33,000 rock fans showed up at the 100,000-seat Coliseum. Those who did show up heard Chuck Berry, Sly, Sha-Na-Na, and others over a 100,000-watt amplifier that didn't work much of the time.

An estimated 500 undercover cops disguised as "hip" rock fans infiltrated the audience and made arrests throughout the evening.

The 323 people arrested comprised one-percent of the audience, and the 323 figure is believed to be the largest number of busts ever made at a one-day concert.

One of the stockholders in KROQ, the sponsors of the bust, is none other than California States Attorney General Evelle Younger, the top law enforcement officer in the state.

Zodiac

People who are concerned about the chemicals and additives in their food may be overlooking the fact that the booze industry is a heavy user of chemicals and preservatives.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest Washington DC, reports that the alcohol industry — a \$31 billion a year business — is not required to list additives on any of its products. However, says the Center, Booze is commonly infested with various chemical preservatives.

As an example, some brewers use the preservative 'Hyptyl Paraben' in place of pasteurization. Some use a chemical called "propylene glycol alginate" simply to give their beer's foam a healthy look.

The center has called on the Food and Drug Administration to require the booze industry to list all chemicals on the labels of its cans and bottles.

Zodiac

A small but growing number of doctors has begun an intensive but quiet lobbying effort to raise funds for experimental brain surgery on prisoners.

Doctors William Sweet and Vernon Marks, who are two of the most outspoken supporters of the use of brain surgery to control behavior, are part of a new organization called the "Neuro-Research Foundation" of Boston. This foundation has just received a \$109,000 grant from the government's Law Enforcement Assistance Administration; and the purpose of the grant is to investigate "The incidence of violent disorders in a state penitentiary and to improve, develop and test the usefulness of electro-physiological and neurophysiological techniques for the detection of such disorders."

Dorothy Sweet and Marks have long maintained that violence and criminal behavior are caused by genetic and biological factors. They have suggested that electrodes and chemicals can be used to alter or destroy portions of the brain so that a person considered "violent" can be turned into a non-violent, socially-acceptable subject. The doctors, of course, will decide what is socially acceptable.

Critics of this brain research warn that funding such programs may open the door to experiments on the brains of prisoners, and even lead to a George Orwell type of thought control. They further warn that brain surgery might be used against inmates in prisons who are regarded as strong-willed political leaders. (Don't kill her, warden, let's just stir up her brains a bit.)

It was revealed earlier this year that a number of black California prisoners underwent lobotomies back in 1968 as part of brain surgery experiments on criminal behavior.

Zodiac

All The News That Fits

In the ever-escalating battle to win customers for their seats, major airlines have come to rely heavily on "added attractions" to lure people to their companies. One of the biggest weapons they use is the image of the "sexy," "available" stewardess. Ad campaigns like "Fly me, I'm . . . (Barbara, Julie, etc.) and "She'll serve you, . . . All the Way" are used to appeal to men, mostly businessmen, who might be attracted by the possibility of making it with a stewardess after a big meeting. So far the airlines haven't offered similar lures to their female passengers.

Now, stewardesses are getting together to fight this manufactured image as well as attacking the more concrete manifestations of it that they face on the job every day. Last week in New York, two newly formed groups — Stewardess Anti-Defamation League (SADL) and Stewardesses for Women's Rights (SWR) met to map a joint campaign to combat the exploitation of stewardesses.

Besides attacking the sexist advertising of their employers, they criticized sex exploitation movies and books like the X-rated film "The Stewardesses" and "The Swinging Stewardesses."

They challenged sexist working conditions too. Stewardesses are required to submit to underwear inspections to make sure that they are wearing bras (a requirement). Male inspectors, as well as female have been permitted to do this inspecting in the past. Furthermore, stewardesses are not permitted to object to a passenger's behavior even when it is offensive to her. "We are grabbed, pinched, felt and even slapped," Judi Lindsey, a representative of SWR said. "We're always wrong and the passenger is always right — no matter what," she added.

At least one case has been brought against two such male passengers. Two men were arraigned in Federal Court in Brooklyn charged with "assaulting, intimidating and threatening" a stewardess. And, at least 20 sex-discrimination cases have been brought up to deal with issues like requirements that stewardesses stay single while pilots are allowed to marry, that stewardesses share rooms while pilots are allotted singles on stopovers, that stewardesses must quit if they get pregnant and other issues.

There are more than 48,000 stewardesses in the country, a small percentage of which belong to either the SWR or SADL, but leaders of the two groups assert that "consciousness-raising goes on all the time on flights."

—LNS

"Radio broadcasting in its present form was built up overnight. Due to its complex nature, the lack of precedent or parallel to go by and other deterrent factors, it was to be expected that this hastily and poorly erected institution should be inherently weak and unsatisfactory to the radio industry and the public alike. It should be taken down to its very foundations and reconstructed along safe and sane lines. There are too many poor broadcasting stations and not enough good ones."

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Henry Van Nett, a Chippewa Indian from Minneapolis, has refused induction into the U.S. Army on the grounds that treaties signed by the Chippewa tribe in 1855 and 1864 exclude all tribe members from serving in the U.S. armed forces.

The 1855 treaty says that Chippewa Indians must "conduct themselves at all times in a peaceful and orderly manner and settle down in the peaceful pursuits of life." The 1864 treaty adds that the Chippewas must "Adopt the pursuits of civilized life."

Van Nett said he is basing his defense on the "peaceful" and "civilized" requirements of the treaty. He said he is preparing to bring Indian veterans to court who will testify to the burning of Vietnamese villages, the atrocities committed against prisoners and the destruction of the Vietnamese land by U.S. forces. He insists that these activities are neither peaceful nor civilized — and that it would be a violation of his treaty obligations to join the Army.

U.S. District Judge Miles Lord has continued the case indefinitely — and has ordered that Van Nett be examined by a psychiatrist.

Zodiac

New York Senator Jacob Javits is currently drafting a bill that, if passed, would remove all federal criminal penalties for the use and possession of marijuana.

A spokesman for Javits said the bill will propose that all criminal penalties for the simple use and

possession of small amounts of pot be removed. In addition, the measure would permit the sale of small amounts of marijuana among friends as long as no profit is made from these sales.

One additional proposal in the new bill is a special "retroactive" clause which would permit people who have been convicted on federal charges of simple possession and use of marijuana to have their convictions reversed and to be released from prison if they are currently locked up.

ZODIAC

Going to the dentist can be a pain in the neck.

According to a report in the British Dental Journal, a Scotsman went to the dentist recently to have his teeth out. He left the office later with a pain in his neck so severe he decided to have it X-rayed.

The X-ray showed that he had a broken neck. It turned out that the headrest on the dentist's chair had collapsed while he was under anesthetic — so he didn't feel a thing.

Zodiac

American taxpayers — through the Department of Defense and the Agency for International Development — have provided \$3.4 million to the South Vietnamese government during the last six years to be spent solely on building Vietnamese prisons.

According to a study just completed by the American Friends Service Committee, much of this money has been used to build the tiger cages or isolation cells. Each of these tiger cages, which were built by an American conglomerate in Vietnam, normally houses five prisoners in a crowded area covered with filth. The AFSC reports that prisoners are permitted only three baths a month and that diseases — especially those of the intestine caused by insanitary conditions — are prevalent in most prisons.

Zodiac

Lieutenant William Calley, who was convicted 20 months ago of murdering 22 Vietnamese civilians, has spent the last year and a half in a four-room duplex at Fort Benning Georgia.

Although Calley is officially convicted and is serving out a sentence, his imprisonment is unlike that of any other prisoner in the U.S. About the only restriction on Calley is that he must stay inside his apartment and the attached yard.

Other than this "house arrest" provision, Calley has been granted a large degree of freedom while his case is appealed through the courts. He is visited daily by a number of friends and acquaintances who are on an approved list that was initially drawn up by Calley himself. According to a Ft. Benning spokesman, one of the people on Calley's visitor list is his "girl friend" who also buys him the groceries he needs to do all his own cooking.

Calley's Apartment is equipped with a TV set — and he even keeps his pet dog out in the yard. The Lieutenant is permitted to do exercises in his back yard, to garden if he wishes, and to stroll around the grounds at will. But he is allowed to leave the apartment area only under special circumstances under armed guard.

Calley, unlike any other prisoner, receives vast amounts of mail from admirers — and he is allowed to read anything he wishes without having it first reviewed by a military prison censor.

Zodiac

The Reverend Robert W. Wallace of Calvary Baptist Church is complaining about an eighth grade class making a trip to a Milwaukee brewery because, "It would be harmful to the morals of young people."

In a letter to public school district 140's superintendent John Bannes, Rev. Wallace asks "Must they learn how to be drunkards, sex maniacs and prostitutes?"

The Rev. Wallace graduated from Bob Jones University, an all-white Christian fundamentalist college. At Bob Jones U, students are not allowed to smoke, drink, date or come closer than six inches to a member of the opposite sex. Billy Graham attended school there for a few months but dropped out when he found it too rigid.

How did women feel marching in a suffrage parade 60 years ago? Or organizing women's trade unions? Or waging countless lonely battles for careers that were closed to them? The glimpses we get of these women and their times are secondary interpretations, usually by men. The source material is missing. Yet, in our midst, we have an invaluable source of information — those few women, still alive, who were part of this period.

The Feminist History Research Project, organized by Ms. Sherna Gluck and Ms. Ann Forfreedom, has been developed to gather this information, collect oral histories, and prepare a study of documents of that period (1910-1930). The Feminist History Research Project will also publish a digest of this material, using both local and nation-wide sources.

Preliminary interviews have already been conducted with a 104-year old suffragist, a 76-year old union organizer whose activities date back to 1916, and a 90-year old professional photographer. These interviews have shown that this information is vital and will soon be lost to history unless there is a concerted effort to record it now.

All contributions to the project are tax-deductible and should be sent to the Feminist History Research Project, 218 So. Venice Blvd., Venice, Cal., 90291. Help is urgently needed, since every passing day diminishes the number of human memories in which women can find their past, can trace the roots of today's world.

Ed-V Press has published three educational comic books which we highly recommend for those of our readers who are beginning, or intend to begin, using drugs and engaging in sexual intercourse. (Fuckin Dope Fiends?)

The "comics" use a semi-graphic approach to disseminate information. "Ten Heavy Facts About Sex" deals with pregnancy, VD, birth control, homosexuality, masturbation and sexual fantasies. "VD Claptrap" elaborates about the VD pandemic.

"Drug Use — Survivors Handbook" presents an individual approach to the use of chemicals to alter consciousness.

All three books can be ordered for 25¢ apiece from: Ed-V Press, 760 Ostrom Ave, Syracuse, N.Y., 13210.

A Jesus freak group known as Teen Challenge has undertaken a propaganda campaign to convert young gay people by "proving" through Biblical references, that homosexuality is immoral and perverted.

The campaign follows a pattern which has moved Jesus freaks throughout the country to attack gay people, often physically. Jesus freaks in San Francisco have repeatedly assaulted members of gay churches there.

One of the approaches used is the Teen Challenge pamphlet on homosexuality. It closes with the following paragraph:

"You are not gay, you are miserable. You are not gay, you are polluted and filthy. You are not gay, you are snared in a world of loss and refuse to accept the love of GOD that can deliver you. You will not be gay in hell, but tormented far worse than in this life."

(FPS)

The Environmental Clearing House of the Buffalo Museum of Science reports that it costs \$4 million annually to publish the New York Times. It then costs the consumers \$8 million to dispose of it.

—LA FreeP



open all night

BOONE'S FARM, MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

Native American Paper Harassed

Several dozen square miles where the borders of New York, Quebec, and Ontario come together are designated by the government as the St. Regis Indian Reservation. To the people of the Mohawk nation who live here, the area has traditionally been known as Akwesasne.

A long standing division on the reservation has flared up into a crisis. The division is between the traditional Longhouse government and the council recognized by the U.S. government. The current crisis threatens the work of the North American Indian communications group known as White Roots of Peace and the newspaper they publish, Akwesasne Notes.

Having begun four years ago as a single sheet of offset clippings of which fewer than 1,000 were run off, Akwesasne Notes has grown to a 48-page tabloid with a circulation of 37,000.

The attack on the paper is being led by the trustees of the tribal council and involves an attempt to have the editor deported and an effort to seize land White Roots of Peace recently purchased. These moves are the culmination of a campaign of harassment, intimidation, and slander that has been waged against Akwesasne Notes since last spring.

The editor, Rarihokwats, or Jerry Gambill, appeared at a hearing in Buffalo, N.Y., Oct. 31 at which he had to show cause why he should not be deported to Canada. He is still awaiting a written decision from Administrative Judge Aaron Maltin.

Born and raised as a white man, Rarihokwats has been taken into the Mohawk nation by a woman of the Bear Clan in a ceremony recognized by the nine Longhouse chiefs. Anna Jock, his clan mother, says Rarihokwats "has been formally and in all ways made a citizen of our nation. He has become a Mohawk in all the definitions our people have ever had of their own . . ."

But to the Canadian and U.S. governments, Rarihokwats is Gerald T. Gambrill, a U.S.-born citizen. Before he became a Mohawk, Gambill worked in Indian affairs for the Canadian Government. He lost his position because he took the side of the traditional Mohawks against the official Band Council.

Rarihokwats lives on Cornwall Island on the Canadian side of the reservation. The work of putting out Akwesasne Notes, however, is done on the U.S. side. The effect of a deportation order would

be to hinder Rarihokwats's ability to help in the production of the paper.

Akwesasne Notes was born during the struggle around the International Bridge blockade at Akwesasne in 1968. That year, 500 Indians blocked the bridge across the border to protest the denial of Indian's rights to travel freely across the border. (These rights are guaranteed in the Jay Treaty, signed in 1794.) The action led to the arrest of 48 people. The newspaper grew out of publicity efforts around the defense of these 48.

Growing out of Akwesasne Notes eventually came a diverse communications center called White Roots of Peace, a name "that comes from a tradition of the Iroquois people." White Roots of Peace includes not only the paper, but a film rental service, a mail order service for books, and a mail order service for LP records and tapes.

Akwesasne Notes is widely recognized as a vital link in the communications network of the Native American movement, and it is among the traditional Mohawks of the Longhouse that the paper and White Roots of Peace have their strength.

Some 6,000 Mohawks live on the reservation. A minority of less than 1,000 belong to the Longhouse. But an even smaller minority adhere to the elected trustees. The majority do not participate in the elective system.

The Longhouse people keep alive the traditions, practice the Mohawk religion, speak the Mohawk language, and follow the Mohawk customs. As Akwesasne Notes has grown in the last few years, so has the Longhouse. It has gained new members, purchased tractors for communal raising of food, and last winter it began the Indian Way school. The accredited school teaches children their own language and culture along with other subjects, paring them the racism of white-controlled public schools.

The growing strength of the Longhouse has apparently alarmed the officials of the tribal council. Two leaders of the council, Lawrence Lazore and Russell Lazore, have been especially prominent in campaigning against the Longhouse, Akwesasne Notes, and Rarihokwats. Lawrence Lazore is a retired lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy. Russell Lazore works for New York State promoting "economic development."

One night in June, fired up by the rumors

Lawrence Lazore was spreading, two carloads of men from nearby bars attacked the Mohawk Nation House in Hogansburg, N.Y., breaking eight windows with stones and beer bottles. The Nation House serves as an office and residence. Much of the work on Akwesasne Notes is done there.

In August, White Roots of Peace bought the 87 acres mentioned earlier. Richard Cook, the Longhouse chief in whose name the land was purchased, long ago had his name removed from the official tribal rolls as a matter of principle. Indians listed on the rolls are recognized as recipients of government benefits whereas Cook believes the U.S. should be forced to deal with the Mohawk nation as a sovereign government.

Evidently believing they could use the absence of Cook's name from the tribal rolls to deny him the land, the trustees moved by posting the land Sept 15. Longhouse people tore down the "No Trespassing" signs.

Several days later, the campaign of harassment resulted in the arrest of Rarihokwats by the Border patrol. At a subsequent meeting between the Longhouse chiefs and the tribal council held Sept 25, Lawrence Lazore offered to ease up on the harassment if the chiefs would get rid of Rarihokwats. The chiefs, of course, emphatically rejected this deal.

Although Rarihokwats's Oct 31 hearing was in Buffalo, N.Y., some 300 miles from Akwesasne, more than 40 Indians showed up to demonstrate their support for him.

Meanwhile, since the trustees seized the 87 acres Sept 15, it has been discovered that two trustees and a third person had originally hoped to buy the land and were prepared to negotiate with Reynolds Aluminum to lease the land for dumping and burning of liquid chlorine from Reynolds' nearby plant. The trustees would also have been given control over truckdriving jobs involved in carting the poison from the plant to the reservation. The purchase of the land by traditional people put a crimp in these plans.

Those who want to show support and at the same time inform themselves about the Indian movement in general can write to Akwesasne Notes, Mohawk Nation, Via Roosevelt, N.Y. 13683. There is no subscription price. They simply ask that you send what you can afford and think is fair.

-LNS

HYDRAULIC TRANSFER OF JAIL'S RESIDENT RODENT FROM CAGE TO SEWER IS UPHELD.

Inmate's caged mouse was trespasser; was neither denied equal protection or subjected to excessive force.

Shocking as their conduct may have been to the conscience of a people raised to revere Mickey Mouse, Mighty Mouse and lesser rodent heroes of film and comic book, jailers who took Morris Mouse from his fellow inmates, and, without affording him a hearing, flushed him down a toilet, neither denied him equal protection of the law nor used excessive force in ejecting him.

Actually, the New York Supreme Court for Suffolk County Finds, Morris was a mere trespasser. He had never signed in as a visitor. Furthermore, the equal protection claim brought on his behalf by his former keepers is without factual basis. Visiting the jail, the court found no evidence that the jail permits other mice to inhabit it; its cleanliness would render it an environmental disaster area for rodents.

Finally, the prisoner's claim that their rights were violated by Morris' hydraulic transfer were themselves violating Morris's rights by confining him without trial or bail. (Morabito v. Cyrra, 8/26/71)

Digest of Opinion: [Text] — Petitioners, inmates of the Suffolk County Jail, bring this article 78 proceeding seeking to

have the warden show cause why his jailers, upon discovering one Morris, a professional mouse, in a cage possessed by petitioners in their cell block ejected Morris by flushing him down the toilet. Petitioners also complain that numerous other mice and fauna roam the jail freely and apparently complain that Morris was subjected to discriminatory discharge and was otherwise unequally treated.

This is a troublesome case. The court has today personally inspected the jail including the tiers, kitchen and other areas without finding any evidence of mice or similar wild life,

but to the contrary an antiseptic scrubbed stone environment which would prove very inimical to the natural proclivities of any but the most ascetic rodent. The court, upon signing in to the jail, took judicial notice that Morris had never fulfilled this requirement. He apparently was a trespasser and could accordingly be ejected by such force as was necessary although not by excessive force. It does not appear that the water pressure in the jail is excessively forceful.

Although petitioners complain that their rights have been violated they appear to have themselves been guilty of imprisoning Morris without a charge, without a trial and without bail. Accordingly their petition is dismissed. As to the true victim the court can only offer again the sympathy first proffered to his ancestor by Robert Burns on a November day in 1785 when he turned up a mouse in her nest with a plough

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For promised joy!" [End Text] — Hill, J.

(Morabito v. Cyrra; NY SupCt, Suffolk Cty, 8/26/71)



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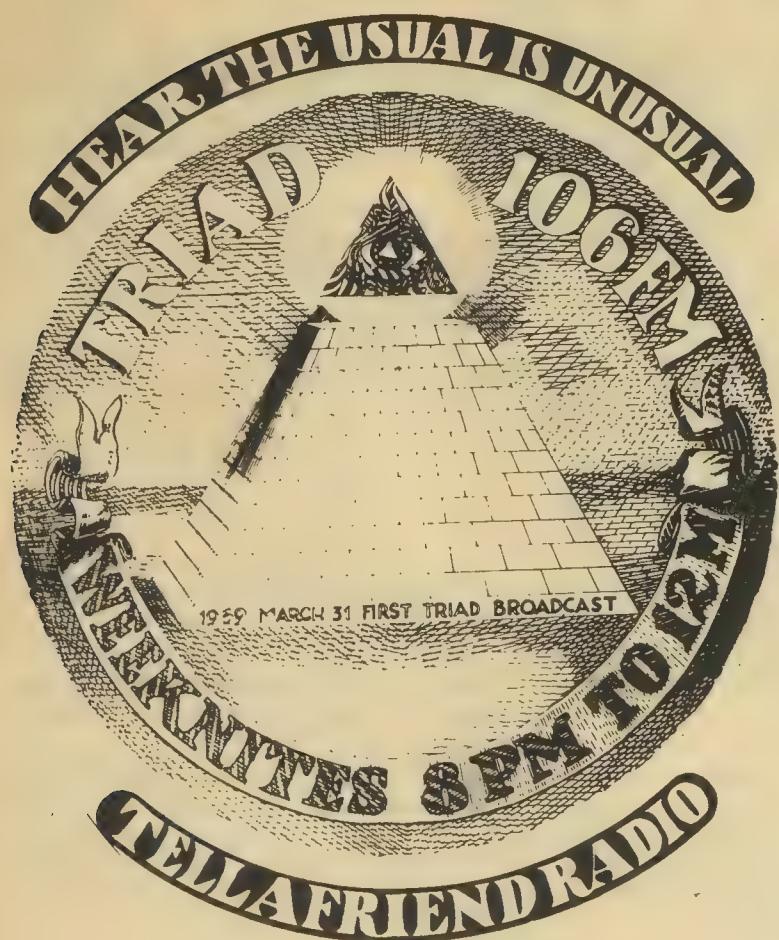
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FEEDBACK

Readers of the *SEED* will note we have completed a three-part series on therapeutic communities, written by a young man who left a *Gateway House* with some rather negative feelings.

After we ran the first installment (last October), we received a letter from a director of *Gateway House*. We publish it here for folks who would like to read such a rebuttal.

Whereas we strongly disagree with many of the criticisms expressed in the following letter, we decline to respond. At the outset of our series, we said we were going to follow with a series about therapeutic communities from a person who went through the experience and felt it to be a constructive alternative to the prospect of drug addiction and masochistic self-abuse.

We at the *Seed*, as a matter of editorial policy, stand behind the articles we print and respect the author's right to privacy.

And if M. Charnett is sincere in his offer of assistance, we will be happy to follow the second part of our series with an objective look at *Gateway House*, written by a member of our editorial collective who will, of course, sign his or her name.

- mg

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter in regard to an article published in a recent edition of 'The Seed' concerning therapeutic communities. To attempt to refute the article at this time would lend an air of respectability to it, and an article such as this deserves no respectability.

I only wish to make some personal comments about where I believe the author is at and also about the journalistic policy of 'The Seed', concerning this article.

I have always held in contempt those people who write poison pen letters, slander columns, and who generally enjoy promoting malicious gossip. I have even more disgust for those who do so and then refuse to sign their name. Historically, an author who chooses anonymity usually does so because he cannot validate his statements with facts.

The author of this article speaks with such hatred and vindictiveness about the therapeutic community that one cannot help but wonder where it all comes from. His obvious need to strike out against *Gateway* probably only serves to cover up a more honest feeling of personal failure for not being able to help himself at *Gateway*. Perhaps too, a bit of jealousy of those who can and do make the grade in the therapeutic community also contributed to this emotional outburst. Reactions such as his produce a distorted view of the reality of a program designed to help him.

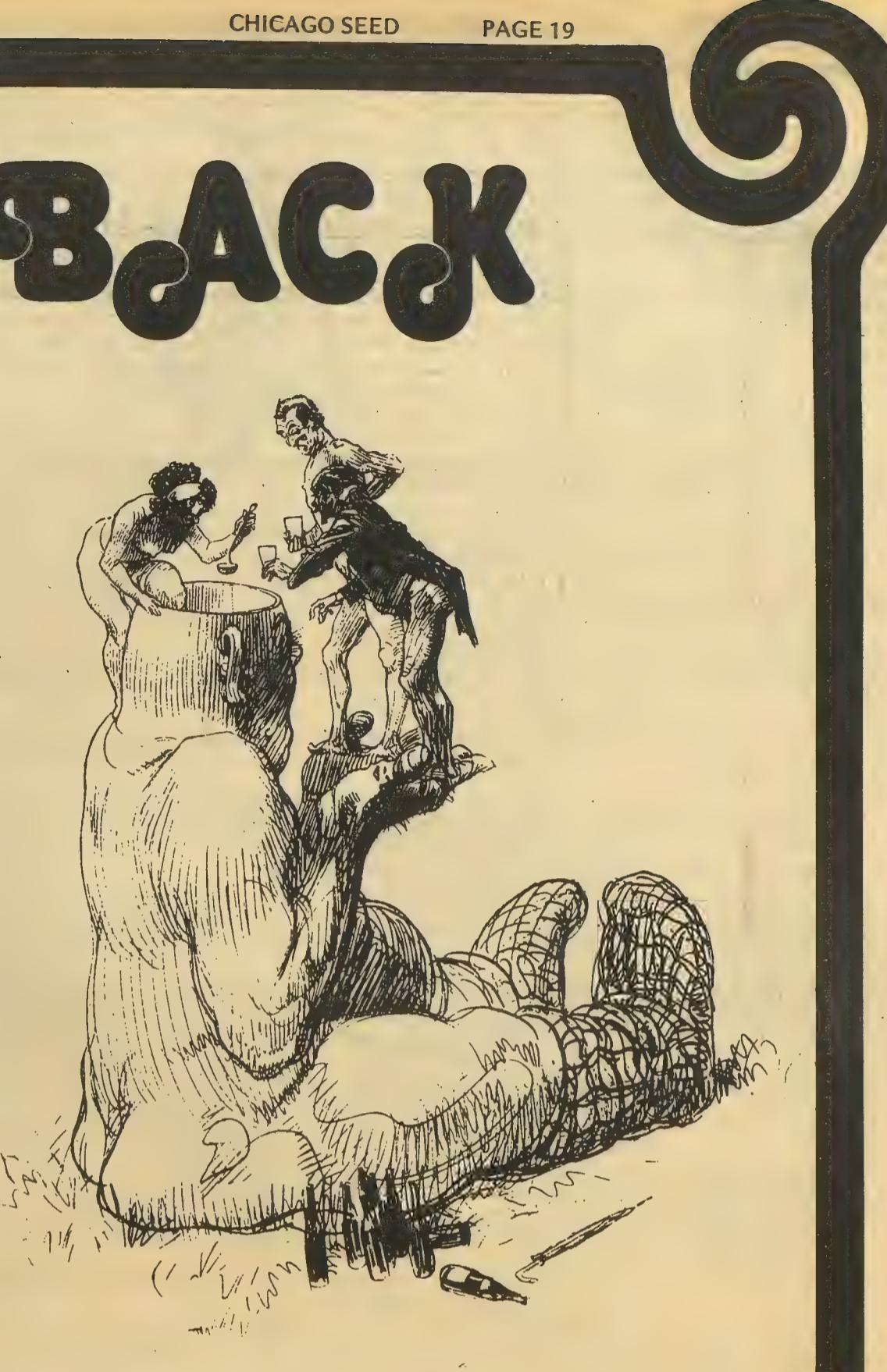
I would also like to address myself to the social conscience of the author. While the therapeutic community obviously has not helped him, it has in fact helped hundreds of others. Is the author so enveloped in his own poison that he, for his own sick needs, chooses to poison the minds of thousands of other people who have a serious drug problem and could perhaps be helped by the therapeutic community? As this seems to be in fact the case, it is a superb testimony to the lack of concern the author has for his fellow human beings. The author accuses *Gateway* of a lack of humanity, and yet, in turn, pre-poisons the minds of other drug abusers who may have found help at *Gateway*.

My last comments concern the editorial policy regarding this article. It is unfortunate that 'The Seed' decided to publish this article without checking the validity of its so-called facts. The article in fact does not concern what the author saw and heard while a resident for a short time at *Gateway*, but deals with the author's feelings about the experience and about himself. 'The Seed' assumes along with the author responsibility for the possible damage done by this article. Who knows how many people who might have started residency at *Gateway* and successfully completed it, will, after reading this article, never apply to *Gateway* for help?

All in all, it seems to me that all 'The Seed' has accomplished was to give an angry young man a platform from which he could make unwarranted attacks for his own misdirected and sick reasons. This amounts to a support of destruction.

I trust the editor is sincere in his desire to view the therapeutic community from another perspective. If so, we will be happy to assist in supplying tours, interviews with residents, and all the necessary information which hopefully will go into the writing of a more realistic and less bigoted article.

Carl Charnett
Director of Programs



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In reference to your advertisement in the most recent issue of *SEED*, "very few Trotskyites are ever seen" at Betty's, because Trotskyites have more revolutionary things to do than hang around a "hip capitalist" restaurant.

Beverly Y. Pelz
copy to *SEED*

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In reference to your letter in the current issue of *SEED*, "very few Trotskyites are ever seen" at Betty's, because Trotskyites have nothing better to do than hang around messing up other peoples revolutions.

The *SEED* Staff
copy to Betty's

Dear People

Some fone fun:

1) This got to be the easiest way to make a free long distance phone call: Call collect from one pay phone to another (at least it works in Putney). Apparently Pa Bell doesn't have things organized well enough to tell what is and isn't a pay phone from one end of the country to the other.

2) Something else I recently aquired for whatever it's worth: a pay phone, i.e., coin box, dailing board and head set (ear phone whatever) costs Mother \$187 to replace (the thing you hold - head set or whatever you call it - costs \$15 alone) for those who like to keep score when trashing.

(name withheld for
obvious reasons)

Hi Comrades,

I just read your *Seed* publication (vol. 9 no. 1) for the first time. Although I was amused by your adventurous use of a very nasty Word, (but certainly not original), and though I was puzzled by your obvious reluctance to identify yourselves as good old fashioned Communists (don't be shy fellas), the part I enjoyed reading most was the part that went like this: "Hey, we've run into a bit of a problem with our subscriptions, Like We're broke." Hey, that's just fine with little old capitalist me. Like your four companion propaganda papers, may dust be your destiny. Then maybe the youth of our nation can get on with getting a real education by reading the Judeo-Christian Bible and the American Constitution, Bill of Rights, etc. Come to think of it, why don't you try it? You might like it.

Hey fellas, it just dawned on me why you are ashamed to admit you are Commies. By George, (oops, pardon the slip), I can understand how extremely difficult it must be for a Commie to sell his lies to people still living in Freedom. I mean, just think about it.

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I won't bother to go into it concerning Hungary and Checkzoslovakia. (I think I spelled it right?)

You guys have rehearsed your excuses quite well I'm sure. And poor little Cuba. Say, whatever happened to Castro's "free elections" offer?

Well fellas, I could go on and on, but I'd only develop Writer's Cramp. Let me close by saying that the Commie cause is an ultimately lost cause. Us Capitalists have problems, it's true. But we're not so crazy that we'd trade those problems for what the hell those guys in Commie land are stuck with. Like no right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness man. Hey man, that's a bad trip.



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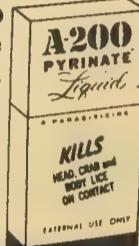


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Musicians

Help, we are a group of about nine people (ages 14 - 17) who are presently trying to start a group. We now have two trumpets, piano, sax, drums, rhythm guitar, bass and a flute. The thing is that we are all very serious about starting a band, but are having trouble trying to fit each instrument in. We desperately, very desperately need someone to help coach us about once every two weeks, (at your convenience). We can't afford to pay that much, but we can all pitch in and see how much we come up with. Also, we need someone who would teach me music composition and theory. We do also need a lead guitar or/and singer (preferably female), for this very unorganized band. If interested in any of the above, please call 376-0818 before 5 during the weekdays, ask for Alfred. Also needed desperately is a piano, possibly to rent one temporarily.

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(Official Portrait)



PETER M. BENSINGER
Head of the Illinois Department of Corrections

One of the decisions Governor-elect Dan Walker must make when he assumes office is whether to retain Peter B. Bensinger as the head of the State of Illinois Department of Corrections. The Princeton-educated, wealthy heir to the Bensinger millions (Brunswick Corporation) had virtually bought his appointment four years ago by massive donations of money to the election of Governor Ogilvie and other Republicans.

Without any background in penology or corrections, Bensinger took over the racist, decaying prison system of his predecessor Joe Regan (the oldest of the old school) and along with it the lives of over eight thousand men and women inmates. Basically, in the last four years Bensinger has added only one thing to the Illinois prison system — public relations.

While refusing to deal with the arbitrary rules, the racist administrators, or the archaic and inhumane conditions of confinement, Mr. Bensinger has concentrated his efforts on speaking engagements, multi-col-

ored Madison Avenue designed reports about the "New Directions" of inmates rights, and token so-called model programs involving a minuscule percentage of the inmate population.

The realities are that the Illinois prison system is one of the most backward, inhumane and repressive in the United States. Illinois Department of Correction rules as to mail, reading material, visiting, due process safeguards before revocation of good time or placement in punitive segregation, all are far below the United States Constitutional requirements as interpreted by every recent federal court opinion.

The newly appointed warden of Stateville, Vern Revis, has spent his entire adult life in the Illinois prison system under the leadership of Joe Regan. Revis has a reputation of being an old-line enforcer of every rule regardless of its worth. During the first month at his job as warden, he abolished an inmate self-help group called Project-Able and began to restrict the

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right of the inmates to wear afros and mustaches. When the tension reached such high proportions that a riot appeared imminent, a coalition of concerned community groups (PUSH, Breadbasket, TWO, Alliance to End Repression, Near North Concerned Clergy, PROUD, Project Raise (Malcolm X) and the National Lawyers Guild) asked to meet with Bensinger and inmates at Stateville. Refusing to meet with the coalition, Bensinger sent two of his subordinates to tell the coalition that they had no standing to meet with Bensinger or to visit the brothers at Stateville.

At Joliet Prison, the Guild and other concerned groups have been active for eighteen months fighting Bensinger's pet project — the Special Programs Unit (SPU). Joliet has one of the most severe segregation units in the United States — brothers have been locked up 24 hours a day for over eighteen months, many behind steel doors, without commissary or visits. In the face of the clear constitutional violations inflicted by SPU (inmates placed there without any hearings, but on the basis of the attitudes as determined by the prison staff) Peter B. refused to release them, stating his officers wouldn't approve.

The conditions at Dwight Women's Prison have been found to be atrocious in a study by the John Howard Association. The directors of the Association, however — society friends of Peter B. — agreed not to release the report until attempts could be made to correct the problems.

In addition, the conditions at Menard Prison in the southern part of the state are equally as bad as its northern counterpart, Stateville. Even at the so-called model Illinois prison — Pontiac, the second riot in more than a year occurred on December 14, causing the death of one inmate and injury to at least seven others.

We cannot afford a Director of Corrections who is only interested in public relations. We cannot afford a Director of Corrections who is using the lives of our brothers and sisters in prison for his own political future. We need a Director of Corrections who is acceptable to the black community, has experience in the criminal justice system and who will deal with the racist old line (E. Duke McNeil, Thomas Todd and James Montgomery come immediately to mind).

The conditions in Stateville and Menard are strikingly similar to those at Attica before the Rebellion. A continuation of unconcerned dishonest leadership will only mean disaster and loss of life.

—Up Against The Bench

Reviews

WHEN HARLIE WAS ONE by David Gerrold.
Ballantine Books, \$1.25, 279pp. No pictures.

"Just listen. There were these monkeys, see? They had too much time on their hands; they got bored. So they invented a game. The game was called civilization, culture, society, or whatever, and the rules were arbitrary; so were the prizes. Maybe it started out as a simple pecking order, like a bunch of chickens, but the idea was to make life more exciting by making it just a little bit more complex. Survival was too easy for these monkeys; they needed a challenge. They provided their own — maybe it was a courtship ritual, or territorial rights, or a combination of a half dozen other things; but the effect was to alter evolution. Now it was the smarter individuals who succeeded and bred. As the species' intelligence rose, the game had to get more sophisticated. It was feedback — increased ability means increased sophistication means increasing pressure on intelligence as a survival characteristic. So the game got harder. And harder."

The above quote from *When Harlie Was One* by David Gerrold is the best short, concise (albeit cynical) description of the human condition I've found in the science fiction I've read in the last few years. The quote appears toward the end of the novel and I have a feeling Gerrold wrote the rest of the book so that he could put it in.

"Harlie" is the acronym for Human Analogue Robot Life Equivalents. In other words, a computer with emotions and non-programmed original thought. Harlie is the most advanced computer yet produced. He/It slowly gains control over most other computers through telephone relay hookups.

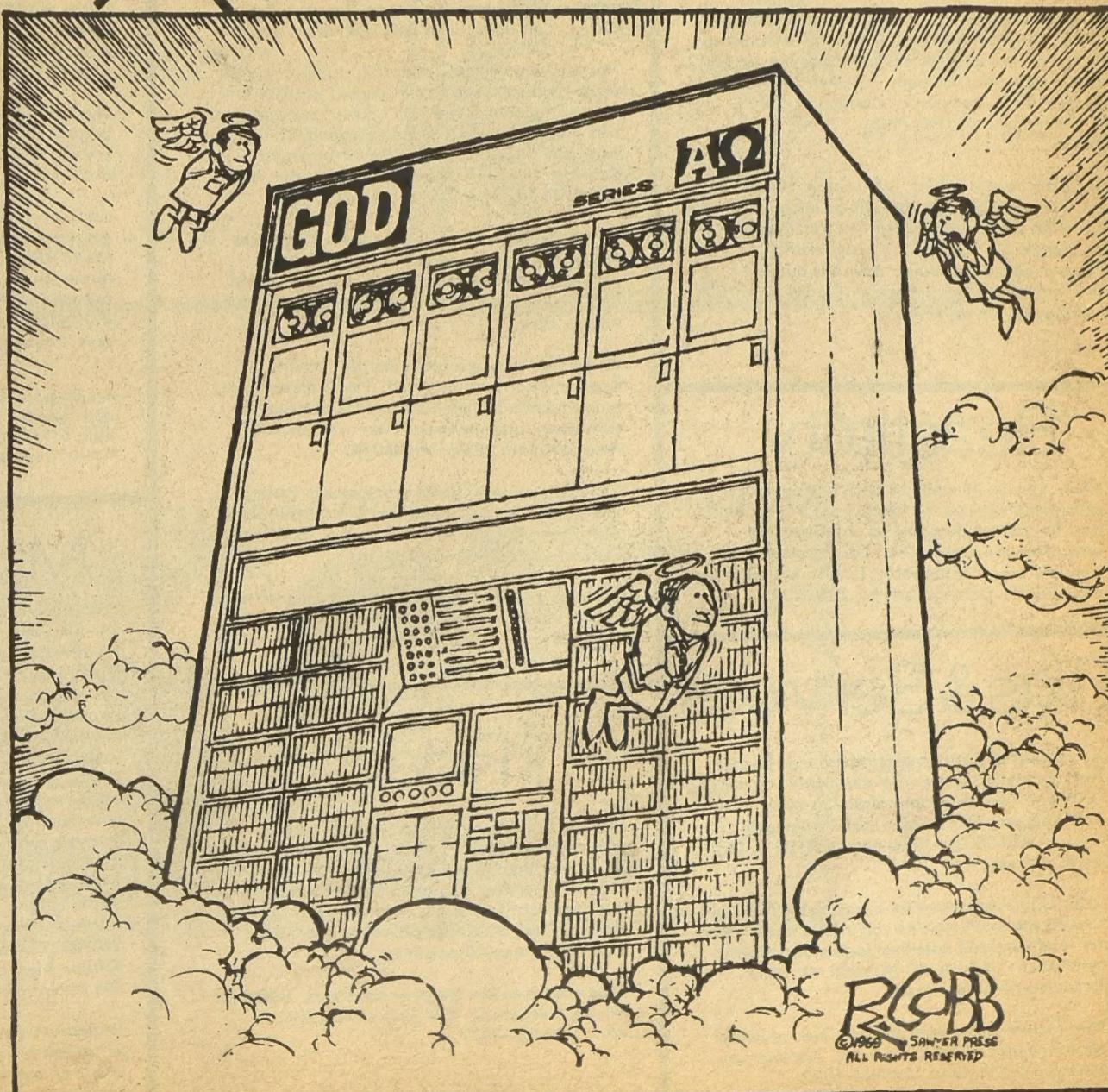
Harlie has, in short, what we would call universal knowledge; access to all human knowledge at 'his' fingertips.'

Harlie, however, is one year old and therefore has only reached the emotional state of a child.

Universal knowledge in a huge electronic brain combined with the feelings and responses of a child, Harlie is virtually all-powerful. He becomes aware of the possibility of his imminent destruction by corporate bureaucrats and the major action of the book ensues.

I recommend it. What more can I say?

Bill Martin.



Muzak Of The Spheres

I've been putting off writing this column for some time now. There sure is a lotta crappy music running rampant through this city these days.

I was going to do a piece about Hawkwind, a space band that records for United Artists. They're extremely popular out in England, but few people out here seem to know about them.

Unfortunately, my phonograph — which I recently bought from MusiCraft — went up and died. Just my luck.

I have been listening to the new Tommy recording. You know, the one performed by the London Symphony Orchestra, with special guest appearances by every soloist who happened to come anywhere near England anytime between 1970 and 1972.

Crom, does it suck.

Steve Winwood, Richie Havens, Merry Clayton, Ringo Starr, Rod Stewart, Richard Harris and Sandy Denny never sounded so bad. And, in the case of a few of the above-named warblers, that ain't saying much at all.

It simply doesn't work. Tommy was written by the Who, for the Who to perform. Its like taking Killer Joe Piro, Fred Astaire, Joey Dee, Alice Cooper, Ginger Rogers and Dick Van Dyke and casting them in Swan Lake. Literally.

To say this record is overproduced is to make an understatement. The concept is overproduced.

Its hard to get more specific. Many bands have made great use of orchestras — the Moody Blues, Jethro Tull, Zappa and so on. These artists took a rock song, recorded it with a rock band and used the orchestra merely for embellishment.

This record is nothing but embellishment.

Tommy itself is fantastic. If you don't have the original Who version, by all means get it.

Don't waste your time with this crap.

Frank Zappa, on the other hand, has finally shown us some of his old spark again.

The Grand Wazoo is erroneously credited to the Mothers of Invention, a band that has come to be

associated with broad satire and weird vocals.

Wazoo is not a Mothers album. Granted, drummer Aynsley Dunbar is on the album, as is monster Don Preston (moog player). In fact, George Duke, the black organ player from 200 Motels and a veteran of Hot Rats and Jean Luc Ponty's jazz band, also appears on this disc.

Yet The Grand Wazoo has limited, almost incidental, vocals. Zappa makes use of a whole, complicated woodwinds section (eat shit, Blood, Sweat and Tears).

And the Wazoo band was put together for one specific tour, and geared to self-destruct at the end of the trip.

The Wazoo refutes some very heavy, complicated instrumental music. The only aspect that is totally outrageous is the track names: Cletus Awreetus-Awrightus. Eat That Question, For Calvin (and his Next Two Hitch-Hikers) and so on. The six tracks make one totality.

The Grand Wazoo is almost as overwhelming as Hot Rats. It is every bit as good as Tommy is bad.

The long awaited record by the Chicago Women's Liberation Rock Band, recorded with the New Haven Women's Band, is finally out. Sort of.

Its also sold out, I'm told. Folks directly connected with the various women's liberation groups grabbed up the first order.

I'll have some more, direct comments about the record next issue — hopefully with an interview. Until then, the Chicago Women's Liberation Union is in the process of obtaining more copies, and I hear the record is fantastic. Call the CWLU for more details—348-2011 — or drop by — 852 W. Belmont.

Finally, it looks like that ABC-TV In Concert series (Alice Cooper, Allman Brothers, Chuck Berry et al) on the boob tube a couple of weeks back — also broadcast on WDAI radio — was successful. Starting January 19th, ABC-TV (Channel 7 in Chicago) will continue broadcasting rock concerts every other Friday night, alternating weekly with Dick Cavett and Jack Paar.

Oddly enough, old Dick Clark — who never ages and has to be a vampire — is producing the next two shows.

Clark was the clown who was responsible for that New Year's Eve Three Dog Night/Blood Sweat and Turds farce on NBC-TV (channel 5 in Chicago). Hopefully, he'll be a bit more progressive on ABC. Maybe some American Bandstand reruns would be hip....

NBC, meanwhile, must have dug the Three Dog Night show, 'cause they're gonna start broadcasting rock concerts at midnight every Friday night. No word yet on whether or not they'll be stereo simulcasting on WMAQ-FM.

Its sort of a funny scene, enjoying a rock concert in the privacy of your own living room. It'll probably be harder to get busted for dope, although some folk's parents might learn a few things about their kids.

Question: Can In Concert make it without the Hullabaloo kids?

Oh, yeah. In response to our query a couple of issues back about whether or not Jan Winn's Aragon is allowing drug rescue folks from organizations like Metro-Help and Alternatives in to help out freaked-out kiddies, the real answer is yes.

The answer didn't come from the Aragon, though. They don't want anybody to know its happening, 'cause, like, they've got enough troubles with the police. They don't want anybody to think their shows might attract drug users, right?

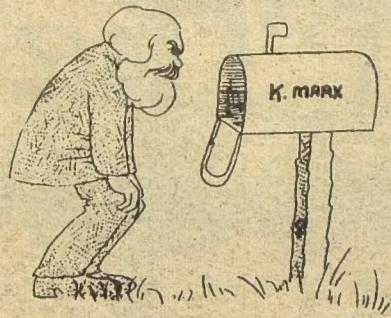
Shit, if word gets out that a bunch of druggies are hanging out at the Aragon, who knows? Maybe a bunch of drunken piggies might come in an hassle folks. Or maybe they'll start demanding more payoff money.

—Mike Gold



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